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INTRODUCTION

Under Part IX of the National Housing Act, the Government of Canada provides funds to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to conduct research into the social, economic and technical aspects of housing and related fields.

Current Housing Research is compiled and produced one to two times a year by the Canadian Housing Information Centre. This publication provides information and access to research which is undertaken and sponsored by the Corporation. It is also available on CMHC's web site at http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/corp/li/horetore/horetore_004.cfm

The publication contains information on completed research reports, new publications, videos and bibliographies, as well as planned and ongoing research projects. An alphabetical title index of items listed is included at the end for quick reference.

The overall arrangement of "*Current Housing Research*" is by broad subject category. Within each subject category, lists of planned and ongoing projects and completed research reports are described.

Each entry can contain the following elements:

- The project or report title;
- A description of the project or report results;
- The CMHC Project Officer who is managing the project;
- The Division within CMHC which is responsible for the project;
- For External Research Projects, the grant recipient undertaking the research;
- A Contract Identification Number (CIDN);
- The Status of the project: whether the project is in a planned, ongoing or completed phase.
"Planned Projects" are those that are not yet underway, but are likely to be initiated in the current year. "Ongoing Projects" refer to research projects which are currently underway. No reports are yet available. Once the project is completed, and a report is available for distribution, it will be listed as a "Completed Report."
- Whether the report resulting from the research project is available and the address where the completed report can be obtained.

To discuss research projects that are recent or ongoing, please call CMHC General Inquiries at (613) 748-2000 and ask for the CMHC Project Officer identified under each project description.

ACQUIRING THE PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS CITED AS COMPLETED

The availability section of each completed entry indicates the contact to obtain the item and whether the item can also be found on the Internet. Most items are available from the Canadian Housing Information Centre and can be ordered by using the information on the order form on the next page. We accept orders by regular mail, fax, phone, and via the Internet.

A number of the items cited are available electronically and the URL is included in the listing. CMHC uses an FTP (File Transfer Protocol) server to distribute reports. FTP has been used on the Internet as a means of transferring files between servers and users for many years and it continues to enjoy very wide use today.

In order to access a file using FTP, software with FTP capabilities is required and there are 3 types of FTP software:

1. Command Line FTP - FTP commands can be entered from a Command line or "DOS Prompt" on all Windows PCs.
2. FTP Client - a purpose built application to connect to FTP servers. These are widely available as commercial products or as shareware or even freeware on the Internet.
3. Some (not all) web browsers - Internet Explorer and Netscape can be used to access FTP files. They use correct protocol when ftp:// is entered in the address bar of the browser.

Example: **ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/**

Here is an example of using the command line to retrieve a file from FTP.
FTP commands and help are available on PCs



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ftp> open ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca
Connected to ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca.
220 PROXY FTP server
User (ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca:(none)): anonymous
331 Guest login ok, send email address as password.
Password:
230 Guest login - onward connections prohibited
230 Guest login ok, access restrictions apply.
ftp> cd chic-cdh
250 CWD command successful.
ftp> cd pdf
250 CWD command successful.
ftp> get concreteh.pdf
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for concreteh.pdf(163.155.94.86,1641).
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 5975 bytes received in 0.00Seconds 5975000.00Kbytes/sec.
ftp> bye
221 Goodbye.

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CMHC'S EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

For over 25 years, under the External Research Program, CMHC provided funding assistance to help Canadian researchers carry out research investigations on topics related to housing. The intent of the program was to encourage and draw out new ideas, innovative solutions, and better understanding of housing issues. Although new applications are no longer being accepted, ERP projects underway will be completed. CMHC may publish and disseminate the results through the Canadian Housing Information Centre.

Recipients of ERP grants were selected on the basis of the merit and significance of their proposals by a national committee of housing experts. Committee representatives included experienced researchers and practitioners in government, academic institutions and housing-related professions.

CMHC would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the applicants and winners over the years and congratulate them on their contributions to improving housing in Canada.

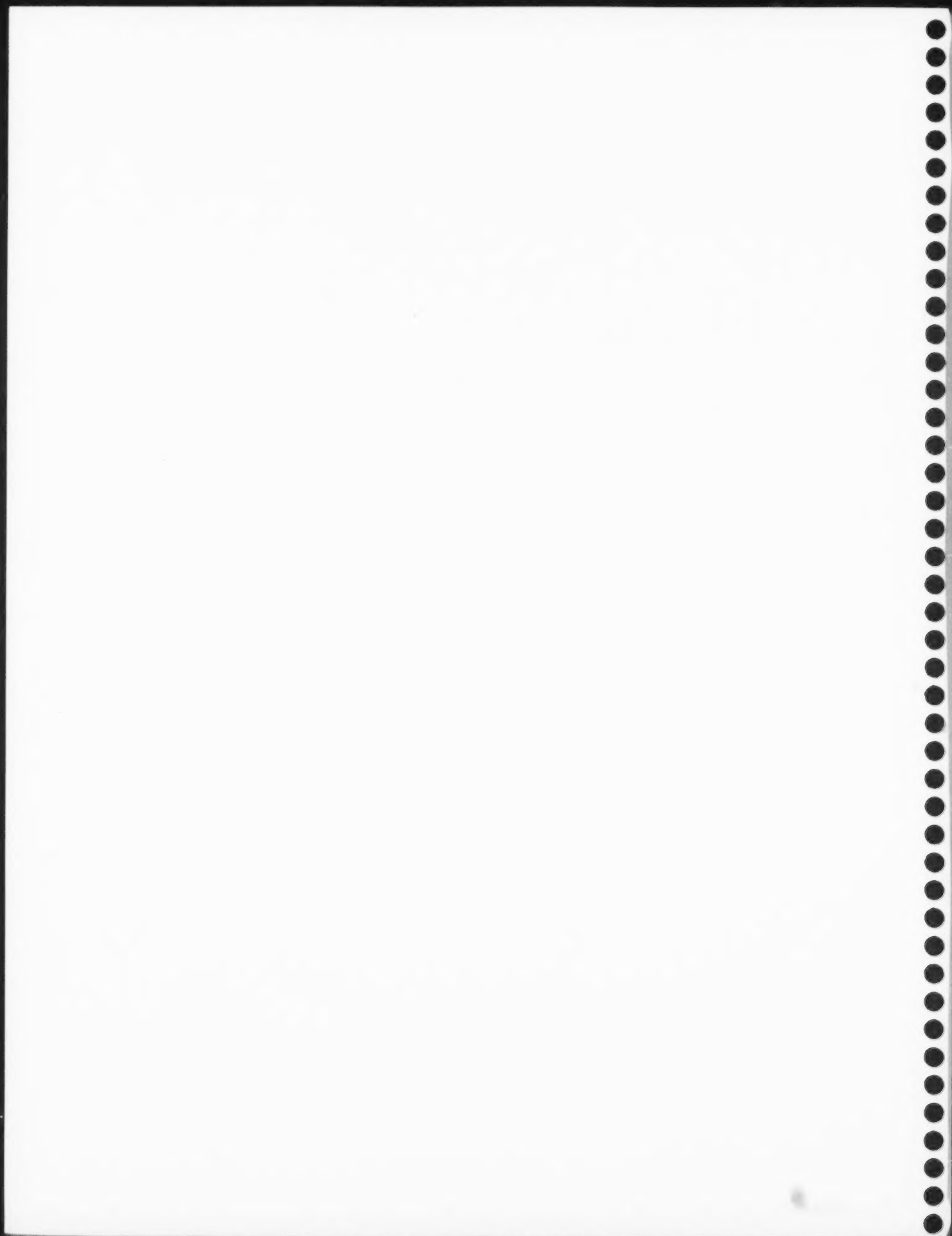


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TECHNICAL RESEARCH

ACOUSTICS

FLANKING SOUND TRANSMISSION IN WOOD FRAME MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS PHASE 5: CONSOLIDATION FOR ELECTRONIC DESIGN GUIDE

This project will consolidate the results of current and previous NRC-IRC flanking projects (Phases 2 - 4) and present them in the form of a best practice design guide that is easily accessible and useable by builders, architects, and engineers. This design guide will be the primary resource to aid in the design and construction of structures complying with possible future Canadian building-code mandated Apparent-STC and Apparent-IIC requirements, or other national model codes that use ISO metrics.

CMHC Project Officer : Terry Robinson

CIDN : 39020900

Division : CMHC International

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

BASEMENTS, FOUNDATIONS & CRAWLSPACES

BASEMENT WALL INSULATION RETROFIT MONITORING

There have been field observations and research findings in the last several years which suggest that polyethylene as a vapour barrier in many wall assemblies may be excessive, and that other vapour retarder systems may be preferable. The last CMHC research showed that the below-grade portion of interior insulated basement wall assemblies might benefit from more permeability, not less. Various interior insulated assemblies have been suggested as alternatives. This project is measuring the moisture performance of different basement interior insulation wall retrofit assemblies in 10 real houses to see if the research findings can be substantiated in the field, and to look out for unexpected repercussions in changing the current wall construction practice. Ten Saskatchewan basements have been retrofitted and are being monitored. This research is ongoing.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 36970200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

RETROFITTING CRAWL SPACES - FIRST NATIONS DEMONSTRATION

The project involved the retrofitting of several wet crawl spaces to solve the moisture problems. The retrofit work was documented and the crawl spaces are being monitored for a period afterwards to verify the effectiveness of the retrofit measures. The case studies will be used to demonstrate how to fix poorly performing crawl spaces. The project has been prepared in conjunction with First Nations housing authorities and responds to a pressing problem found on many reserves.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 33050200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

COMPRESSED EARTHBLOCK (CEB) - STRAWBALE HYBRID BUILDING SYSTEM

This project will investigate the performance of straw bale insulation in combination with compressed earth blocks, as a hybrid building system. Earth blocks are found in many other parts of the world, but their use in Canadian buildings, so far, has been limited. The researcher will be monitoring energy use as well as some of the performance characteristics of the earth blocks. The project has been initiated. The earthblocks were cast and construction has been proceeding slowly. Because of the wet summer in 2008, 5% cement was added to the mixture for stabilization. Samples of the earthblocks will be tested at Queen's University for compression and bending, and the results compared to other CMHC earth block tests (Dupuy) and more standard construction material such as bricks and concrete masonry. The energy usage of the structure will be recorded to determine the envelope efficiency of the hybrid structure. Both moisture performance and the extent of cracking will also be monitored for one year after the completion of construction.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 36260216

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

DOORS AND WINDOWS

BEST PRACTICE GUIDE - WINDOWS

In partnership with Natural Resources Canada and the Homeowner Protection Office (British Columbia), CMHC developed this comprehensive and practical technical advisory document for architects, engineers, builders, renovators, window manufacturers, window installers and others involved in the design, specification, construction, installation and interfacing of windows within the exterior wall assembly in both low-rise and high-rise residential construction. This document provides guidance in selecting the appropriate window performance criteria for the intended application and provides installation details to ensure the performance criteria is achieved through the effective continuity of thermal, air, vapour and moisture barriers at the interface between the window units and the wall assembly.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 30870200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WALL-WINDOW INTERFACE DETAILS TO MANAGE RAINWATER

Based on the need for effective window-wall interface details to manage water intrusion, CMHC in partnership with the National Research Council (NRC), formed a consortium of interested North American organizations to evaluate specific window-wall interface details to determine how effective the details are in managing rainwater. CMHC and NRC funded the first phase of this multi-year study. The Phase 1 testing program, highlighting wall-window interface details of interest to CMHC, was completed in the fall of 2008. The window testing program included window frames with and without an integral flange as well as wall assemblies with drainage cavities and wall assemblies with direct-applied claddings. The Phase 1 final report is available at <http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/obj/irc/doc/pubs/b-1229.1/b-1229.1.pdf>. The Phase 2 and Phase 3 testing programs, which highlight wall-window interface details of interest to the industry (Building Diagnostics Technology Inc. and E.I. Dupont and Nemours & Company) have also been completed.

The Phase 2 report provides results obtained from evaluating the watertightness of a series of three wall-window interface details representative of construction practice as might be carried out in the

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US and as specified by Building Diagnostics Technologies. The Phase 2 report is entitled: Watertightness, Air Leakage and Rainwater Management of BDTI Specified Assemblies.

The Phase 3 report provides results obtained from evaluating the watertightness of a series of three wall-window interface details representative of construction practice as might be carried out in the US and as specified by DuPont. This report is entitled: Watertightness, Air Leakage and Rainwater Management of Dupont Specified Assemblies.

In both reports the test specimen configuration is described and details of three sets of wall-window interfaces and variations on their implementation are provided. The results of water penetration tests are presented in terms of water entry through deficiencies in the window, water collection within the assembly and the severity of the simulated wind-driven rain loads. Results on water entry for the different wall-window interface configurations are given and the effectiveness of different details is discussed. The final reports from Phase 2 and Phase 3 are available upon request from the National Research Council.

Prepared for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Building Diagnostics Technology Inc., E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. and Public Works and Government Service Canada. Prepared by M. Armstrong ... et al. Ottawa: National Research Council Canada, Institute for Research in Construction, 2008-2010. 3 volumes

STATUS : New Completed Reports

AVAILABILITY : National Research Council Canada

EXTERIOR WINDOW SHADING DEVICES FOR THE CANADIAN CLIMATE

This project will identify exterior window shading devices that can improve comfort and reduce household energy consumption in the Canadian climate. Existing technologies will be assessed for performance, durability, ease of integration with building envelope elements and user friendliness. The influence of freezing rain, wet snow, or melting/freezing snow on performance and operation will be assessed. Energy savings potential will be modelled to project savings potential for different Canadian climatic conditions, including the North.

CMHC Project Officer : Ken Ruest

CIDN : 38300200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SELECTION OF LOW-E COATED GLASS FOR OLDER RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN CANADA

Recent research at the Canadian Centre for Housing Technology (CCHT) and the National Research Council Canada (NRCC) revealed that high-solar heat gain low-e coated glass is the most appropriate spectrally selective glass for houses in Canada. However, no similar research has been conducted for older high-rise residential apartment buildings even though they represent a significant proportion of the housing stock. Thus, a complementary research study has been initiated to determine whether high or low solar heat gain glazing in apartment dwellings would be more appropriate for retrofitting into older multi-unit residential buildings to balance the need to control heat losses while encouraging solar gains to help offset space heating loads.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski

CIDN : 38840217

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

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THERMAL PERFORMANCE OF WINDOW ASSEMBLIES

CMHC in collaboration with the National Research Council, is undertaking a study to investigate the risk of condensation at the window frame perimeter of the interface assembly as a function of both temperature differential and air leakage rate across the assembly. Depending on the types of windows used and the cladding into which the windows are installed there arise different methods to provide drainage that may also affect air leakage through the assembly. This, in turn, may give rise to the formation of condensation along the window, at the sill or along the window sash and glazing panels. Various window installations, including position of the window unit within the wall assembly and different window-wall interface insulating strategies will be subjected to temperature, air pressure differentials and various air leakage rates and paths to investigate the risk to condensation they impose on the window-wall assembly. The project commenced in the summer of 2008. The laboratory testing program has been completed and the final report is being prepared.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 33180200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ENERGY CONSERVATION

DESIGN SURVEY OF LOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT HOUSING

This research project documented case studies of low environmental impact housing (including net zero energy) in Canada and internationally in similar climates. The goal was to identify criteria and specifications for zero environmental impact housing in Canada, develop best practice models towards achieving this goal, and ultimately share information on these "deep green" housing models for Canadian climatic regions. Case studies were developed, analysed as a group and conclusions were provided. A research highlight is planned for 2011.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski

CIDN : 25400200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENERGY MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL HOUSING IN ONTARIO

CMHC is participating in the development of an Energy Management Program and pilot project for social housing. CMHC will be working with the Social Housing Services Corporation of Ontario to develop an Energy Management Program that will provide local social housing providers with the tools needed to evaluate and implement energy and water efficiency measures in their buildings. CMHC support will be used to develop or adopt tools for the Energy Management Program including utility tracking and on-line energy/water audit facilities, standard energy audits, and communication documents for property owners, managers and residents. CMHC will also participate in the evaluation of energy and water efficiency projects in 20 buildings selected to participate in a pilot project to evaluate the costs and benefits of the Energy Management Program. CMHC support will be useful to establish the Program in Ontario and will also provide other provinces with useful information on the development of central energy programs for their social housing stock as well.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 29820200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ENERGY CONSERVATION

ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY RETROFITS FOR MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

This project is updating the CMHC publication that provides building owners and managers of residential multi-unit residential buildings with information on cost-effective energy and water efficiency retrofits to reduce consumption, operating costs and environmental impacts of their buildings. New retrofit strategies will be added and obsolete measures will be removed. The cost-benefit information will also be updated. The work has been received and is under review by CMHC.

CMHC Project Officer : Remi Charron

CIDN : 38370200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ENERGY BLOCKS: TOOLS FOR AFFORDABILITY THROUGH ENERGY, CARBON AND COST REDUCTIONS

Can Home Energy Ratings be synchronized with Community Energy Plans to develop energy descent profiles for existing residential neighbourhoods that reduce long-term energy costs? The objective of this research is to create an index tool that links existing databases to show the adaptive energy capacity of housing to achieve EQUilibrium™ housing standards and long-term affordability.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 41330207

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ENERGY CONSERVATION IN CANADIAN BUILDINGS USING ADVANCED THERMAL INSULATION

The National Research Council of Canada, Institute for Research in Construction (NRC/IRC) received financial assistance from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the EcoEnergy Technology Initiative (EcoETI) for the purpose of conducting research on the application of advanced thermal insulation that not only offers higher thermal resistance but is also eco-friendly (i.e. renewable, energy efficient, biodegradable and indigenous). A cradle-to-grave analysis of thermal insulating materials in terms of energy consumption and impact on environment will also be undertaken to help in the selection of appropriate insulating materials. This study, currently commencing its second year of work, will be carried out in four tasks over a three year period: Task 1 (Investigation on advanced thermal insulations) has been completed. Task 2 (Cradle-to-grave energy consumption analysis for thermal insulation materials) and Task 3 (Assess the thermal performance of building components constructed with advanced thermal insulation materials) are currently underway. Task 4 (Demonstrate the impact of advanced thermal insulating materials on the potential energy conservation in Canadian buildings) will be completed thereafter. The project is expected to be completed by spring of 2012.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 39720200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT ENERGY RETROFIT STRATEGIES FOR RESIDENTIAL WOOD-FRAME WALL SYSTEMS USING VIP - FEWF EVALUATION

This project will assess the thermal performance of wall assemblies retrofitted from the exterior with a vacuum insulation panel (VIP) in comparison with a wall assembly retrofitted with an exterior application of rigid foam board. Advanced modeling tools will be bench marked against the experimental results. Parametric analysis will then be conducted to evaluate the potential performance of these highly insulated wall assemblies over the range of the Canadian climate zones Heating Degree Days (HDD).

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41140200
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEASURES ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

This External Research Program study analyzed the impact of including energy efficiency and sustainable development (treatment of grey water, "green materials") measures on the operation of community housing buildings. The analysis dealt with actual energy costs vs. projected costs, the costs of maintenance service and the effects on maintenance practices.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 36260210
STATUS : Ongoing

INVESTIGATION OF THE PERFORMANCE AND USE OF VACUUM INSULATED PANELS IN NEW AND EXISTING WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION

The Canadian housing industry is moving towards producing buildings with high energy efficiency, as demonstrated by CMHC's EQUilibrium™ initiative, the RAIC 2030 Challenge and exports of Super E homes. A key component of highly energy efficient housing is a super insulated building envelope. However, using conventional insulation to achieve this leads to very thick building envelope assemblies that present cost, construction, market acceptance and regulatory challenges. This External Research Program study explores the potential for the use of thin highly insulated vacuum insulation panels (VIPs) in new and existing Canadian low rise residential housing in order to meet these challenges in a practical cost effective manner. A report investigating the performance of vacuum insulated panels in wood frame construction will be produced.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40140206
STATUS : Ongoing

LEAST COST ANALYSIS FOR CANADIAN NEW HOUSING

This External Research Program research project will provide insight on what upgrades could be incorporated into new housing to improve energy efficiency without adding any extra net cost to the homeowner based on life cycle cost analysis. The study will characterize the energy savings against the costs of the energy upgrades to determine at what point declining energy savings no longer support upgrade costs without representing an overall expenditure increase to the homeowner. The research is divided into two parts: 1) Simulation and analysis of energy efficient building upgrade potential for the Canadian residential sector using representative housing data and 2) Simulation and application of the lowest cost upgrade to the house to determine the overall cost with the upgrade(s) to meet the energy efficiency objectives.

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CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40140202
STATUS : Ongoing

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF RESIDENTIAL HOT WATER EFFICIENCY DEVICES

This project will look at the energy savings (if any) that come from replacing conventional residential water heaters with tankless (or instantaneous) appliances. The project will assess domestic hot water energy consumption before and after the retrofits of tankless gas-fired water heaters in at least 50 houses so that savings can be compared. Water usage and homeowner satisfaction will also be surveyed. CMHC has engaged the support of two utilities in Ontario and Saskatchewan to help find test houses. Most of the Ontario houses have been obtained and work is continuing to find houses for the Saskatchewan component of the field testing. Monitoring results are expected through 2010 and 2011.

CMHC Project Officer : Remi Charron
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38410200
STATUS : Ongoing

RESEARCH PROJECTS AT THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR HOUSING TECHNOLOGY (CCHT)

This project provides funding for collaborative research at the Canadian Centre for Housing Technology (CCHT) for a portfolio of research projects initiated by three CCHT partners. These research projects will result in improved understanding of energy performance of building envelope changes to attic venting changes, provide understanding of energy benefits from ground source heat pump heating and air conditioning systems, and how solar technologies can be adapted to seasonal conditions. Knowledge to improve the in-situ performance of PV systems will also be created.

CMHC Project Officer : Ken Ruest
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41980200
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

STUDY OF ENERGY CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RETROFIT OF BUILDING ENVELOPES IN LARGE MULTI-UNIT HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Many buildings in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia have undergone comprehensive rehabilitation to remedy moisture-related problems. Little or no attention was specifically directed at energy conservation or greenhouse gas emissions. CMHC, the Homeowner Protection Office, City of Vancouver, BC Hydro and Terasen Gas provided funding for this research project to review and assess the effects of building enclosure improvements on the space conditioning energy use in typical high-rise residential buildings in the Lower Mainland of BC and then to develop better strategies that take into account enclosure repairs, energy conservation and greenhouse gas emissions. This project includes the collection of basic building enclosure information and energy (gas and electricity) consumption data for some 39 mid-rise and high-rise buildings in the lower BC mainland. Subsequently, a more detailed analysis will be conducted on several of these buildings to more precisely determine where and how much energy is being consumed. Where buildings have undergone building envelope rehabilitation, this project intends to assess the effects the work has had on the buildings space conditioning energy use. This project is ongoing.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38330200
STATUS : Ongoing

ENERGY CONSERVATION

SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CSA STANDARD ON FANS AND MOTORS

The Canadian Standards Association has formed a technical subcommittee on the performance of motor/fan combinations. To ensure that the subcommittee membership includes individuals with residential expertise, CMHC retained the services of a consultant to attend the CSA meetings and provide guidance on residential fan motor efficiency to the standards committee. Several meetings have been held and more will be scheduled prior to voting on the standard.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 37730200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

THERMAL, ENERGY AND MOISTURE PERFORMANCE OF ALTERNATIVE (NON-WOODFRAME) HOUSING SYSTEMS

This project will characterize the thermal performance of the increasingly popular Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) housing system and assess the impact of ICF's on whole-house (or building) energy use (particularly in comparison with traditional wood-frame construction). This research project will be useful to evaluate and assess the contribution and impact of any thermal mass benefits embedded in the ICF system (i.e. the concrete) in comparison with the nominal RSI values which comprise the individual components of the system. Two ICF wall assemblies were constructed in the summer of 2009 and installed with sensors and monitoring equipment, into the Field Exposure of Walls (FEWF) test facility at the NRC. Monitoring of these walls, exposed to real climate loads, will take place for 1 full year. The project is expected to be completed by February 2011.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 38350200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

See also: SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ENVELOPE RETROFITS FOR EXISTING HOUSES, p. 30

FIRES & FIRE PREVENTION

SIMPLE DESIGN TOOLS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE BURNING IN HOME FIRES

The life safety of occupants and fire fighters will be improved with a better understanding of the effects of upholstered furniture in living and sleeping areas when exposed to fire. This work will provide a simple design tool/model that demonstrates the time elapsed before major fire events occur, and the time elapsed before conditions become untenable. The study will acquire and analyze data, then model and validate it for two houses - one detached unit and one townhouse unit - furnished with typical upholstery. The final report should provide designers with simple tools to evaluate the risk of fire involving different furniture on life safety.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 38840219

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

GREEN ROOFS

HEATING-SEASON ENERGY SAVINGS FROM EXTENSIVE GREEN ROOFS

Green roofs are well known for their ability to cool buildings in the summer, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs for air conditioning. The benefits of green roofs for the thermal performance of buildings in winter are poorly understood. This research will incorporate data from experimental green roofs into building energy models to calculate expected energy savings during cold seasons for different types of housing.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 41330205

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HEATING AND VENTILATION

ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF A NATURAL GAS FIREPLACE ON HEATING ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND ROOM TEMPERATURES AT THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR HOUSING TECHNOLOGY

Gas fireplaces are prevalent in homes across Canada. In the 2007 Survey of Household Energy Use (NRCan, 2007) almost a quarter of all homes (23%) reported having a gas burning fireplace, up from a reported 19% in 2003. Of these homes, 22% reported using the fireplace every day during the heating season.

When a fireplace is operated in close proximity to the house's central thermostat, the heat introduced by the fireplace can cause the heating system to delay its normal cycle of operation – affecting energy consumption and temperatures in the home. Over two winters from 2008 to 2010, researchers at the Canadian Centre for Housing Technology undertook a project to examine the impact of operating a gas fireplace in an R-2000 house. Under a variety of operating conditions, they explored the interaction of the fireplace with the central thermostat, the impact on energy consumption for heating, and changes in room air and surface temperatures. Additionally, impact of the fireplace's standing pilot light and open vent were explored. The results from this project are described in this report.

The objectives of this project were:

- To evaluate the impact of operating a natural gas fireplace on house energy consumption.
- To monitor the resulting room air temperatures, wall and window surface temperatures, to determine if the risk of condensation and mould growth has been increased.
- To monitor any change in furnace operation due to fireplace operation.

Prepared by M. M. Armstrong, M. C. Swinton and F. Szadkowski. CMHC Project Officer: Ken Ruest. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. 122 pages (4.65 MB)

Note: No. 11-100 in the Research Highlights Technical Series summarizes the results of this research and is available on the CMHC web site (Order number 67314)

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AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and

ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/R/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu/11-100%20MH%2010A73_w.pdf

HIGH-RISE AND MULTIPLE UNIT CONSTRUCTION

AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL IN MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (MURBS) - DEVELOPMENT OF TESTING AND MEASUREMENT STRATEGIES TO QUANTIFY AIR LEAKAGE

The testing, measurement and quantification of the airtightness performance or air-leakage characteristics of multi-family buildings has not evolved to the same extent that it has in the low-rise, single family home sector. Nevertheless, energy performance, indoor comfort, fire and life safety, amongst other criteria, depend on the airtightness characteristics of not only the envelope but also the unit compartments in multi-family buildings. The objectives of this project will include the updating and summation of the current knowledge related to testing methodologies and protocols for assessing and quantifying the airtightness of multi-family buildings, determining the existence of other international building air-tightness initiatives (whether they are programs or regulations) and evaluating their effectiveness; and to assess whether or not the various construction industry stakeholders, in those jurisdictions, have effectively responded to meeting the air-tightness requirements. This research will further knowledge and understanding of airtightness testing and airtightness performance of multi-family buildings and will provide a foundation for advancing this area of study in the Canadian context.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39930200
STATUS : Ongoing

DEVELOPMENT OF A POST OCCUPANCY EVALUATION PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR MURBS

This project will develop a CMHC framework for post occupancy evaluation (POE) of the performance of multi-unit residential buildings (MURBs), by enabling evaluation of the performance of MURBs in a systematic manner. The framework will support the development of a monitoring program for any future initiative for MURBs, and MURB projects such as the Tower Renewal project. Information provided by the POE framework will add to the body of knowledge that can support the adoption of innovations by the MURB sector and improve the performance of new and existing buildings.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40730200
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

DEVELOPMENT OF AN OCCUPANT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY TO SUPPORT ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IN MULTIPLE UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

This project will develop an occupant engagement strategy to improve energy/water efficiency and indoor conditions in multi-unit residential buildings. It will be based on a literature search, the development of an engagement strategy (e.g., occupant's guide, behaviour modification approaches, engagement strategies, "reward" possibilities) and the integration of the strategy within a post occupancy evaluation project. The strategy will be tested in a building undergoing a post occupancy performance evaluation to determine the extent to which improvements in performance are possible. The literature search phase has been completed and the project is currently in an engagement strategy phase.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujowski
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39730200
STATUS : Ongoing

HIGH-RISE AND MULTIPLE UNIT CONSTRUCTION

ENGINEERED BUILDING ENVELOPE SYSTEMS FOR OUTDOOR/INDOOR CLIMATE EXTREMES

CMHC is contributing to a National Research Council project to identify indoor conditions and weather in northern and northern-coastal communities, and select appropriate building envelope assemblies for extreme climates. The project assesses the hygrothermal performance of these assemblies by computational and laboratory testing, measures air leakage by means of blower door tests and produces performance parameters for heating and high humidity climates. The project also analyzes the energy and environmental impact of proposed building envelope assemblies. The research findings will be published in a research report, and presented in seminars throughout Canada and the North.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 29600200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

INNOVATIVE BUILDINGS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION ARTICLES FOR ARCHITECTS

CMHC develops and publishes continuing education articles and case studies of innovative buildings for architects. These publications provide technical information on a variety of subjects, especially those related to buildings and communities. The studies provide examples of innovative systems or processes, which can help improve industry knowledge. New web-based learning articles requested by the architects' associations were co-ordinated with CMHC and two projects on Equilibrium Housing and Equilibrium™ Communities are ongoing with the third on Water Sensitive Urban Design being prepared.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski

CIDN : 3366-PLN05

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is available on the web

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

DESIGN OF WIND-LOADS FOR RESIDENTIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

The University of Western Ontario was awarded an External Research Program grant to undertake a research project to evaluate wind-induced loads on roof-mounted photovoltaic (PV) residential systems; the aim of which is to identify configurations that minimize wind loads on solar panels and roof-cladding systems. The study will be limited to typical 2-storey, single-family homes with roof-mounted PV panels or a PV-Thermal system. The research will investigate various parameters including roof slope, solar panel position and orientation with respect to wind-flow, and height of the panels above the roof surface. The research project is ongoing.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 40140204

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

GLOSSARY OF HOUSING TERMS - UPDATE

This project reviews the current edition of "Glossary of Housing Terms" and conducts research to identify new terms and definitions which are missing. The "Glossary of Housing Terms" was last updated in 1995, resulting in the absence of a number of new housing terms, some of which are included in CMHC's new information products. Examples of new housing terms missing from the "Glossary of Housing Terms" include: surfactants, enthalpy recovery ventilator, building science, polyolefin, xeriscaping, pyrite, stachybotrys chartarum and brownfields. All the existing terms and definitions have been reviewed to ensure they are still appropriate and that the definitions are accurate. Construction related acronyms and abbreviations, and terms common to multiple unit residential buildings have also been added. The revised "Glossary of Housing Terms" English manuscript is complete.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 33070200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

IMPROVED PREDICTION OF SEISMIC RESISTANCE OF PART 9 HOUSES

Currently available approaches for the prediction of seismic resistance of conventional wood-frame construction (that is, buildings conforming to Part 9 of the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC)) are not able to predict the seismic resistance in a reliable manner. Experience in earthquakes and recent shake table tests of two-storey specimens have demonstrated generally good performance, but the limitations of this favourable behaviour are not well defined. A funding grant from the CMHC External Research Program has been provided to Forintek Canada Corporation (FP Innovations) to undertake a research project, to develop simple mechanics-based methods for the prediction of seismic resistance of conventional wood-frame ("Part 9") houses. Forintek investigated the adequacy of the bracing requirements for conventional wood-frame construction as outlined in the 2004 Canadian Wood Council Design Guide (CWC Guide) and the proposed Part 9 of the 2010 NBCC. The results showed an imbalance in the required lengths of braced walls in the short and long directions of rectangular buildings. In most studied cases, neither the 2004 CWC Guide nor the proposals for the Part 9 of the 2010 NBCC meet the seismic requirements of Part 4 of NBCC 2005 for high seismic zones. To address this imbalance between required lengths of braced walls in short and long directions of a rectangular building in conventional wood-frame construction, the researchers at FP Innovations proposed a new calculation method, based on the minimum length of braced wall as a function of the floor area of the building.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 34380208

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is available

RACKING PERFORMANCE OF WOOD SHEAR WALLS CONSISTING OF FINGER-JOINTED STUDS

In order to make lumber more sustainable and to reduce cost and waste, the use of finger-jointed wood studs is now permitted in building codes and is becoming increasingly common in residential construction. However, the strength of these studs when subject to tensile stress is not well understood. This External Research Program project tests the racking strength of finger-jointed wood studs used in shear walls. The data produced by this research will inform the designers of codes and standards of the comparative performance of finger-jointed and regular dimensional lumber studs when used in shear walls. It also measures the effect on racking strength of the number of joints in the stud.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 38840206

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

SEISMIC ISOLATION OF RESIDENTIAL WOOD FRAME AND LOW- AND MEDIUM-RISE MASONRY BUILDINGS

McMaster University has been granted funding through the CMHC External Research Program to investigate the application of a novel and economical fibre reinforced elastomeric base isolation system for both light-weight wood frame and low- and medium- rise unreinforced masonry residential buildings. The objective of this study is to determine if an economically viable base isolation system can be developed to alter the natural period of the building and isolation system out of the range of maximum earthquake intensity for seismically vulnerable residential buildings. The test program will include the scaled model shake table testing of both fixed-base and isolated-base foundation buildings to assess their dynamic response and a parametric analysis will be conducted for four seismic jurisdictions across Canada to assess the effectiveness of the base-isolation system to mitigate or reduce the seismic loads on the building.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

Division : External Research Program

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38840214

STATUS : Ongoing

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SCIENCE BEST PRACTICES

The objective of this project is to consolidate energy-efficient and sustainable building science best practices into one comprehensive illustrated source that will serve as a text book and training manual for building science courses. It will be used in architectural programs at colleges and universities, and by builders and designers. The result of this research will be a common reference that describes sustainable building science for Canadian construction that is based on rigorous scientific research and testing, and energy conservation measures and that demonstrates best practices. It will be tailored to existing teaching curricula and it will be extremely useful to architects, engineers and building scientists resulting in an accurate and common understanding of sustainable building science principles and their interrelationship with one another.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 35610200

STATUS : Ongoing

UPDATE AND ENHANCE CANADIAN WOOD FRAME HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

This project will update and enhance CMHC's best selling publication "Canadian Wood-Frame House Construction" and advance the knowledge of students, builders, building inspectors and home owners regarding how to build wood-frame houses that are more sustainable, energy efficient, durable, and building code compliant. The enhanced publication will also support CMHC's efforts to position Canada's housing as among the best in the world.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40680200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

CANADIAN RADON MITIGATION CASE STUDIES

The project will investigate the performance of subslab depressurization radon mitigation systems installed in 20 Canadian houses. Field testing will show whether houses with existing systems have problems with exhaust duct leakage or foundation chilling. The testing will also help quantify the possibility of icing with vertical stacks, the proportion of indoor air that is exhausted from these depressurization systems, and the contribution of these exhaust fans to house depressurization. The results of this research will help to shape Canadian radon mitigation training and the radon advice provided to consumers by CMHC and Health Canada.

CMHC Project Officer : Regina De La Campa

CIDN : 39790200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

REVIEW OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HOUSE VENTILATION RATES AND HEALTH

This work, being led by Quebec public health agency (INSPQ) and National Research Council (NRC), is attempting to establish the relationship between adequate ventilation and health (or inadequate ventilation and poor health), through literature searches and appropriate field testing. The project should lead to a better understanding of the relationship between house ventilation and occupant health. If the project establishes a strong correlation between good ventilation and healthy residents, it will be useful material for building codes, medical authorities, ventilation standards, and the ventilation industry. The first year involves house and occupant characterization. CMHC is supporting the characterization of the houses. All the houses will have two airtightness tests and 4-5 tracer gas air change rate tests, as well as measurements of the indoor air quality and occupant health status. Starting the fall of 2010, half the sample houses will have their ventilation rate increased by 0.15 air changes per hour, and the health status of the asthmatic children will be monitored for one year to see if the increased ventilation results in health benefits. CMHC will be releasing a Research Highlight on the air change rates and airtightness data of this housing sample.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 35560200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SUPPORT FOR IAQ/HOUSE CHARACTERIZATION AND DATA ANALYSIS - MCMASTER UNIVERSITY CHILD STUDY

CMHC is supporting this multi-year, inter-institute collaborative research study to address the influence of indoor environments on asthma and allergy. The study will follow 5000 pregnant women and their children, from birth to 5 years of age, to understand the indoor environmental exposures that may result in allergic and respiratory disease. Among other things, the research will provide information on housing characteristics, occupant factors related to the operation of the houses and the presence of indoor biological contaminants. CMHC has led three rounds of in-depth technical training to research assistants who will use home assessment questionnaires during walk-through home visits with the participating families. The pilot phase of the study closed on December 15, 2008, with 200 mothers and children recruited over a two month period. Important information on recruitment strategies, questionnaires, home assessments and birth events has been collected. The questionnaires and home assessments have been reviewed and improved. The study has now moved to the implementation phase, with over 1000 families recruited among the four centres (Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Toronto). A fourth training session is planned for replacement research assistants and will take place before March 2011.

CMHC Project Officer : Regina De La Campa

CIDN : 35580200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

INDOOR ENVIRONMENT

SURVEY OF CHARACTERISTICS IN HOMES WITH ELEVATED RADON LEVELS

This External Research Program project surveyed houses in a radon-prone area of Winnipeg to discover whether there are common house characteristics that elevate (or reduce) radon concentrations in these houses. The contractor will also be looking at the impact of the application of a simple remedial measure, a floor drain trap, on the radon reduction in these houses.

CMHC Project Officer : Regina De La Campa

CIDN : 40140203

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

MOISTURE AND MOLD

CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CHAIR IN ALLERGENS AND TOXINS FROM MOLDS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

CMHC is supporting the ongoing research of the National Science and Engineering Research Council Chair on Allergens and Toxins from Molds in the Built Environment at Carleton University.

The purpose of this support is to help address the problem that there is no method to obtain a quick and inexpensive determination of the nature of mold contamination in a house. A more fundamental understanding of the by-products of mold that are harmful to people is needed along with knowledge regarding the thresholds that should be avoided and cheap and reliable ways of classifying moldy and non-moldy houses. The first five year's work of the Chair developed the expertise to identify human allergens, produce antibodies specific to each allergen and isolate and test the effect of toxins on lungs from *Stachybotrys chartarum*, *Aspergillus versicolor* and *Penicillium chrysogenum*, three representative fungi found in houses that require large, medium and low amounts of moisture. The second five years, that started in June 2006, will expand the expertise to a larger number of molds to make it feasible to use these reagents as an inexpensive and reliable way of testing for mold contamination in houses.

CMHC Project Officer : Regina De La Campa

CIDN : 34070200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

LITERATURE REVIEW ON HISTOPLASMA, BLASTOMYCES AND CRYPTOCOCCUS GATTII AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DESIGN, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING

This project is being conducted to compile scientific literature on fungi that may be found in and around housing. A thorough literature review of *Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Blastomyces dermatitidis* and *Cryptococcus gattii*, three fungi that cause infectious diseases in people was conducted by a mycology expert. Histoplasmosis occurs from exposure to feces of birds and bats, while blastomycosis occurs after exposure to the spores in soil. Infections due to *cryptococcus gattii* are limited to Vancouver Island, though cases have been seen in Vancouver. The literature review will form the basis of housing advisories on how to avoid exposure to these fungi in residential settings. The project is a collaborative effort between CMHC and Health Canada.

CMHC Project Officer : Regina De La Campa

CIDN : 36350200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

MOISTURE AND MOLD

WATER PENETRATION THROUGH THINNER VENEER WALL

Ryerson University was awarded a grant, under CMHC's External Research Program, to undertake this research project to study the potential for reducing the thickness of masonry cladding (or redesigning masonry units to be lighter and use less material) and still maintain acceptable durability and water penetration performance. The project will focus on issues of resistance to water penetration and durability and will specifically investigate the impact of dimensional changes on the water penetration into the wall (air) cavity. The project is ongoing.

CMHC Project Officer : Silvio Plescia

CIDN : 36260215

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

NORTHERN HOUSING

CMHC/NWTHC NORTHERN SUSTAINABLE HOUSE (A-BASE)

The project will develop a prototype for the construction of culturally appropriate highly energy efficient housing throughout the Northwest Territories (NWT). It is expected that the design and construction and the cost/benefit analysis of the house will assist in facilitating the use of construction details and practices throughout the NWT and the North that significantly improve building performance. Construction of the house will be completed in 2010. The energy performance of the house will be monitored for a period of 15 months post-occupancy to determine the extent to which the performance targets have been realized.

CMHC Project Officer : William Semple

CIDN : 39850200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN SCIENTIFIC TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Northern Scientific Training Programme (NSTP) supports northern research studies by providing universities with funding to help offset the costs associated with travel and accommodation in the North. This project provides support for community-based research and support to traditional knowledge through the Arctic Colleges and Northern Research Institutes. The project increases research capacity within the North, contributes to the research work, and provides northern peoples with enhanced learning, training and employment opportunities within their communities. The project will provide funding to the NSTP for a period of five years, from 2009 to 2013.

CMHC Project Officer : William Semple

CIDN : 37850200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

NORTHERN HOUSING

INTEGRATED DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF A CONSTRUCTED NORTHERN SUSTAINABLE HOUSE (E/2 PROTOTYPE)

In this project, two "Northern Sustainable Houses" have been designed by CMHC in partnership with a Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nations community in the Yukon and the Nunavut Housing Corporation in Arviat, Nunavut. The houses have been designed to consume less than 50% of the Model National Energy Code of Canada for Houses energy requirements, and are suited to the northern culture and lifestyles. The project has incorporated local knowledge and experience of members of the northern communities and territorial housing providers where the houses were located. Construction of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in House was completed in January, 2008. Materials for the NHC Arviat House were sea-lifted to the community during the summer/fall of 2009 and construction will start in the summer of 2010. The evaluation of the projects will include monitoring the energy performance of the constructed houses, carrying out a cost/benefit analysis of the energy savings of each Northern Sustainable House vs. a typical new house in the community, and carrying out an analysis of the success of the cultural issues being addressed in the design. CMHC facilitated design workshops, was the lead in designing the houses, and is undertaking the performance evaluation of the Northern Sustainable House Prototypes. A 15 month monitoring project and report on the completed Tr'ondek Hwech'in House was completed in December 2009. The project is funded in part by the Program for Energy Research and Development (PERD).

CMHC Project Officer : William Semple

CIDN : 33240200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

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RENOVATION AND INSPECTION

DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION OF NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDING ENVELOPE RETROFITS

This research investigates the technical and economic challenges associated with upgrading the building envelopes of older housing as a part of overall renovations that target net zero energy performance levels. This research will help the housing industry understand and undertake highly energy efficient and durable building envelope retrofits to houses. It will include measures to reduce the energy consumption and environmental impact of Canadian housing. It will also provide guidance to how to renew the building envelopes of aging Canadian houses. This will aid in the development of policies and programs to support the environmental agenda of the federal government in the residential sector.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 40230200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

GREEN RENOVATION GUIDE FOR RENOVATORS

Under this project, CMHC will work closely with industry to develop a guide for renovators on sustainable "Green" renovation for their clients. The Guide will be developed with the support of the Canadian Home Builders Association and will include products and practices that can improve the overall environmental performance of a renovation; how to avoid "greenwash"; Healthy Housing tips; how to avoid renovation pitfalls that can undermine the post-renovation performance of a house; and simple diagnostics for common technical problems for various types of residential renovation projects.

CMHC Project Officer : Ken Ruest

CIDN : 40940200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & HEALTHY HOUSING

ACHIEVING 90% REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN SUSTAINABLE NORTHERN HOUSES

This project applies Net Zero (Equilibrium™) technology to the design of a house to be built in the Yukon with the objective of having the home consume 90% less energy than the amount used by the house were it to be built to the Model National Energy Code for Houses (MNECH). CMHC provided technical information and support for the designs and architectural drawings prepared by the Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation Band. A mechanical consultant with experience in the design of renewable energy systems and proficient with Hot2000 computer modelling designed the mechanical systems, provided layout drawings, and simulated estimated energy consumption for a family of two adults and two children. The energy consumption of the dwelling will be monitored for one year following occupancy. The developer provided a description of the design and technologies used, as well as itemized cost comparisons to a similar house conforming to the MNECH and to the house built by the Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation Band. The project produced a research report that may assist in designing and building sustainable housing and establish the feasibility of near net zero energy houses in the North.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 38260200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ANALYSIS OF PASSIVE SOLAR DESIGN FEATURES OF EQUILIBRIUM™ HOUSES

This project will take advantage of the existing Equilibrium™ homes and the availability of detailed energy simulation tools in order to increase the understanding of how to maximize passive solar energy in houses while limiting the risk of overheating. This will help reduce space heating needs, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions while improving comfort conditions.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 40650200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

NEW

EARTH TUBES - APPLICABILITY IN THE CANADIAN CLIMATE

This project will investigate the available literature for evidence regarding the performance of residential earth tube ventilation systems. The aim is to determine the extent to which information is available that can validate or dispel whether or not earth tubes are a good option for reducing ventilation related energy use in houses in northern climates and under what conditions this may be the case. There are concerns that earth tubes do not save significant energy and may represent an indoor air quality concern if adverse conditions arise in the buried duct system. Depending on the information found and its relevance to Canadian climate conditions, the necessity for more research on the topic will be determined.

CMHC Project Officer : Ken Ruest

CIDN : 39710200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

EQUILIBRIUM™ COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE

Equilibrium™ Communities is a four-year, \$4.2M collaborative sustainable community demonstration initiative of CMHC and NRCan under the ecoACTION umbrella. The objective is to accelerate sustainable community development in Canada through demonstration of sustainable planning and development at the neighbourhood scale. The initiative provides financial assistance for technical activities and showcasing the performance of neighbourhood development projects which, through their planning, design, implementation and operation, will provide measurable improvements over traditional approaches. See <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/su/eqsucoin/index.cfm> for published products to date, including project overviews and a product on the 18 indicators that formed part of the selection criteria. More products will be made available as the Initiative progresses.

CMHC Project Officer : Susan Fisher

CIDN : 39550200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is available on the web

NSERC CANADIAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK ON "SOLAR ENERGY UTILIZATION IN BUILDINGS"

CMHC is supporting a new Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) funded University Network on "Solar Energy Utilization in Buildings", to achieve the objective of enhancing the capacity of the residential industry to develop solar buildings with substantially reduced purchased energy needs. The overall vision of the Network over its five year period will be to advance the adoption of new knowledge, tools, practices and technologies for cost effective construction of solar zero-net-energy buildings in Canada. The main objectives of the Network over its five-year research program are the following:

1. To develop effective techniques for integration of solar collection, storage and utilization systems in the building envelope.
2. To develop and improve solar energy utilization technologies so as to reduce cost and raise overall efficiency.
3. To develop and demonstrate affordable, reliable, building integrated, distributed power generation systems based on solar energy for residential and commercial buildings.
4. To develop simulation design tools and methodology that may be effectively utilized throughout the design process.
5. To transfer these outputs to the end users.
6. To contribute to the development of government policies and programs aimed at fostering the adoption of solar technologies in buildings.

CMHC will seek opportunities to transfer the knowledge gained through the network research to stakeholders in the housing industry.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & HEALTHY HOUSING

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 34020200
STATUS : Ongoing

PAYBACK PERIOD FOR "SUSTAINABLE" BUILDING FEATURES IN SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED DWELLINGS

This project built a framework to profile the attributes of various "sustainable" building features available for single family detached dwellings and to estimate the payback periods of different sustainable features. Generic sustainable features were profiled to increase the understanding of consumers, and industry, of the costs and benefits of "building sustainable" in the single family market. After final approval and adjustments, if necessary, the initial 5 sustainable building feature profiles will be published to enable consumers and the home building industry to objectively evaluate "sustainable" features that they wish to incorporate into their homes.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

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STATUS : Ongoing

REGIONAL PILOT DEMONSTRATION OF NET ZERO ENERGY HEALTHY HOUSING

This project involves the development of a national net zero energy healthy housing demonstration and implementation initiative through an industry partnership to advance new Canadian housing towards a net zero energy consumption and low environmental impact goal. The concept involves the design, construction, demonstration and monitoring of net zero energy healthy houses in a project called the EQUilibrium™ Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative. Initially, a total of fifteen projects from across the country were selected in two separate national competition calls, with thirteen projects of these continuing towards the construction/demonstration/monitoring phases of the Initiative. Construction has been completed on 10 projects with the rest expected to follow in the next two years. All constructed EQUilibrium™ Housing projects are open for public and professional tours for a minimum time period of six months. Demonstrations permit CMHC and the EQUilibrium™ Housing Teams to show their achievements to the residential building industry and consumers. Upon completion of the demonstrations, the houses are sold and CMHC monitors the performance of the houses for one year post occupancy. Based on the outcome of this demonstration initiative, CMHC will explore with its partners and stakeholders opportunities to expand this initiative more broadly across Canada. The EQUilibrium™ Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative is based on CMHC's five principles for Healthy Housing (Health, Energy, Resources, Environment, and Affordability). It combines passive solar, energy efficient design, construction and appliances, with commercially available grid tied renewable energy systems to achieve net zero energy consumption on an annual basis, reduced green house gas (GHG) emissions, and low environmental impact. The intended results and impacts of the EQUilibrium™ Housing initiative are to develop strategic alliances between industry and government to reduce the energy intensity of our housing sector, mitigate household energy cost increases in the medium term, foster a growing renewable energy and sustainable housing industry in Canada, increase consumer awareness and demand for sustainable housing, and support Canada's goal of reducing pollutant and GHG emissions. The development of the EQUilibrium™ Housing initiative in Canada will also help to ensure Canada's inclusion in competitive international housing markets and our next generation of value added exports. Detailed information on the EQUilibrium™ Housing Initiative and each of the projects is available on the CMHC web site www.cmhc.ca.

CMHC Project Officer : Thomas Green
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is available on the web

CIDN : 35490200
STATUS : Ongoing

SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP (TRM) FOR SUSTAINABLE HOUSING IN CANADA

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), in partnership with Industry Canada (IC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), will support the development of a Technology Roadmap (TRM) for Sustainable Housing. The TRM will be used to focus industry and government resources on realizing opportunities for, and addressing challenges to, sustainable housing. The TRM will be developed through industry consultations and the organization of industry working groups that will identify key areas of work and possible pathways forward.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill

CIDN : 37670200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SUPPORT FOR THE GREENING OF THE CÔTEAU VERT PROJECT

This research project is documenting the development of a new green affordable housing development - Côteau Vert in Montreal, Quebec. The study provides information on the process that the development team took to assess, prioritize and ultimately select green products, equipment, systems and practices to be included in the buildings. This includes an analysis of the related costs, benefits and implementation/operational considerations. Quality assurance, commissioning and monitoring protocols were developed to support the implementation of the innovative features. This research project provides information for the residential construction industry on one development team's experience regarding the selection and implementation of green building features and technologies in the design of an affordable multi-unit residential building project.

CMHC Project Officer : Woytek Kujawski

CIDN : 37560200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SURVEY OF REGULATORY BARRIERS TO SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

This project will assess the extent of regulatory barriers faced by the first Equilibrium™ design-build teams in the design and construction of their sustainable housing projects. This will provide CMHC with an opportunity to assess regulatory barriers to real, and very recent, sustainable housing projects. The outcome of this work will enable CMHC to better support the next generation of Equilibrium™ housing and other sustainable housing efforts, contribute to improving residential building standards and construction practices, and support the federal government's environmental agenda.

CMHC Project Officer : Douglas Rowland

CIDN : 40220200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & HEALTHY HOUSING

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ENVELOPE RETROFITS FOR EXISTING HOUSES

This project will develop fact sheets on energy and cost-effective strategies to improve the performance of the building envelopes of existing houses and increase awareness of the cost and environmental impacts of these improvements. The fact sheets will include generic information about materials and components used in building envelopes, and detailed information about installation and connection of materials and components to ensure optimal performance. The fact sheets will illustrate different strategies to improve walls, foundations, openings and penetrations and compare the estimated costs and energy savings of each. Best practice details (from CMHC guides) will illustrate and explain critical construction procedures and concerns. The fact sheets will contain references to useful information and services, such as CMHC publications and the ecoENERGY program. They will contain information about recycling and disposal of construction materials and their effects on the environment, and will increase the reader's awareness of the environmental impact of changes to their houses, and the ways to achieve the best energy efficiency and durability for the least expense. A consultant with substantial knowledge of Canadian wood-frame construction and sustainable housing has been engaged to review literature on the subject and adapt CMHC best practices to address energy efficient building envelope retrofits.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig

CIDN : 38340200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

UPDATE OF PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

This phased project will revise and update CMHC's publication, Practices for Sustainable Communities. The project will be carried out in two phases. Phase One will determine the appropriate revisions that will reflect current trends and best practices and address the needs and interest of municipalities and developers and builders, including determining the scope, organization and structure, content and format. The information resource will be updated in Phase Two.

CMHC Project Officer : Cynthia Rattle

CIDN : 39570200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

See also: SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SCIENCE BEST PRACTICES, p. 21

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING IN THE NORTH, p. 36

Socio-economic research on Sustainable Development & Healthy Housing, p. 55-57

WATER CONSERVATION, REUSE & MANAGEMENT

ALTERNATIVE WATER READY HOUSING

This project will help the adoption of alternative water systems in housing by providing information on how housing can be built to include provisions to accommodate the future installation of alternative water systems (e.g. rainwater, treated grey water) in an affordable manner. This will provide homeowners with an opportunity to improve the performance of their homes in a phased approach and will help build a broader market for innovative housing products.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan

CIDN : 40600200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

NEW

ENERGY INTENSITY OF WATER SYSTEMS

This project will provide an increased understanding of the energy required to deliver water to and return wastewater from houses and housing developments. This, in turn, will help provide a more complete understanding of the energy consumption and green house gas (GHG) emissions associated with housing. Consideration of energy inputs into the water system would provide valuable information to water and wastewater agencies in assessing both upstream and downstream cost/benefits when scoping new water supply or treatment technologies as well as assessing the economics of alternative approaches.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40580200
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

EVALUATION OF WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES

This research will provide municipalities with guidance in creating a cost effective water efficiency plan (WEP). The use of a standardized WEP will allow for practical and useful comparisons between water efficiency programs implemented across Canada. A template WEP will be developed to incorporate the variety of necessary parameters to be considered such as water source, population size and growth, regional socio-economic, climatic and geographic conditions, infrastructure status, target changes in water demands and wastewater flows, projected capital works and related costs, and cost/benefit. The WEP template will include a software database for creating a water efficiency plan plus a report documenting the key components of water efficient planning.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 30550200
STATUS : Ongoing

NEXT GENERATION WATER BALANCE MODEL

CMHC has supported the development of the Water Balance Model - an on-line decision support tool to evaluate the impact of land use planning and site design on stormwater runoff and watershed health. This project will review the newly updated Water Balance Model tool and then field test it on the Don Valley Watershed in order to determine its effectiveness as a modelling tool, its reporting capabilities, and general ease-of-use. Separate work will be undertaken to incorporate a module to account for onsite water reuse.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38400200
STATUS : Ongoing

RAINWATER HARVESTING DESIGN MANUAL

Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) has been undertaken sporadically in Canada and has been recently allowed under some provincial codes. However, the lack of technical information on RWH is an impediment to wide scale adoption. Education and training on rainwater system design and installation practices are among the key issues to be addressed to help ensure rainwater harvesting systems are designed and installed properly and perform in a safe and effective manner in residential settings. Accordingly, this project will develop rainwater system design guide and training materials.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39810200
STATUS : Ongoing

WATER CONSERVATION, REUSE & MANAGEMENT

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ON-SITE WASTEWATER RESEARCH PROGRAM

CMHC in conjunction with the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association and the provincial on-site associations of Ontario, Alberta, and B.C. will work with national stakeholders across the country to address research and policy gaps in the area of decentralized wastewater management. The network will identify and prioritize all research and policy issues, and leverage funding to address these issues and communicate the results across the country. As a starting point, CMHC will support targeted research for the development of on-site wastewater technology verification and installation standards. To date CMHC has supported the Bureau du normalisation du Québec (BNQ) in the development of a national standard for on-site wastewater technology verification. The CAN/BNQ 3680-2009 Onsite Residential Wastewater Treatment Technologies standard is now available through the BNQ website. A second initiative will support the development of a national on-site wastewater installation standard through the Canadian Standards Association.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is available

CIDN : 35720200

STATUS : Ongoing

SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL WATER REUSE PROGRAM

CMHC will work with stakeholders from various government levels, associations, private industry and research centres to establish a Canadian national residential water reuse research and development program of work. This program will address gaps including: policy needs, risk analysis, design standards, pricing strategies, technology performance criteria, enhanced pilot testing and technology demonstration, national guidelines and regulations and innovative technology support for export to developed markets. The first project under this program has been the development of a draft national water reuse guideline for toilet application. In July 2010, Health Canada posted the guideline "Canadian Guidelines for Domestic Reclaimed Water for Use in Toilet and Urinal Flushing" on its website.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/reclaimed_water-eaux_recyclees/index-eng.php

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 35730200

STATUS : Ongoing

SUPPORT FOR THE CSA STANDARD FOR RESIDENTIAL POTABLE WATER CISTERNS

This project will strengthen national requirements for the safe provision of potable water to houses that use cisterns for potable water storage, including those located in First Nation and isolated rural communities. The project will also be of benefit to those seeking to design, build or renovate sustainable housing that does not rely on conventional water infrastructure.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40620200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

WATER CONSERVATION, REUSE & MANAGEMENT

TESTING PROTOCOL FOR ALTERNATIVE RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT

CMHC will work with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and partners from across Canada to develop a new standard for the evaluation of small scale water recycling, or reuse, systems. A rigorous technology verification standard will support the acceptance of water reuse by providing industry with a common standard to test their systems to and demonstrate compliance with. The standard will provide regulatory authorities with some assurance that compliant systems will perform and system designers with a performance reference when specifying alternative residential wastewater treatment systems.

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39830200

STATUS : Ongoing

WETLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR ISOLATED DWELLINGS

This project will evaluate the performance of two wetland treatment systems in reducing wastewater contaminants from isolated dwellings including the effects of freeze thaw on operation and performance. A pilot hybrid wetland will be built at the Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre. The Centre has also built a pilot septage reed bed filter system in Eastern Ontario. The project will consider hydraulic and organic loading rates of septage and holding tank wastes and the impacts of the vegetation on treatment as well as climatic effects (precipitation, temperature).

CMHC Project Officer : Catherine Soroczan

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38420200

STATUS : Ongoing

SOCIO ECONOMIC RESEARCH

ABORIGINAL HOUSING

ABORIGINAL OFF-RESERVE HOUSING TRENDS IN A SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT

The objective of this project is to develop an accurate, up-to-date picture of Aboriginal housing conditions for those not living on reserves, along with their mobility to reserves, with 10-year trending for important variables.

CMHC Project Officer : Ian Melzer

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41030200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

CASE STUDIES OF THE CRITICAL PRECONDITIONS FOR ACHIEVING MARKET-BASED APPROACHES TO HOUSING IN FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES

This project consists of eight case studies of First Nation communities that have an established housing system with market characteristics. The studies will identify for each community the necessary and sufficient condition that enabled the market-like system to be implemented or to evolve. The findings from each community will be compared with each other to highlight commonalities and unique solutions and will also be discussed in the light of certain homeownership initiatives on tribal trust lands in the US.

CMHC Project Officer : Antoine Pomerleau

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 36800200

STATUS : Ongoing

HOUSING PROFILE OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN CANADA BASED ON THE 2001 ABORIGINAL PEOPLES SURVEY

Public policy concerns have been raised about Aboriginal housing and its relationship to other characteristics of individuals and households, in particular health and education. In order to address these issues Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) commissioned a literature review, a profile of Aboriginal households, and a study of the impacts of housing conditions on health and education. The present report provides a profile of Aboriginal households and housing conditions in Canada. It contains a wide-ranging profile of Aboriginal housing and households, both on- and off-reserve. In addition, it explores the inter-relationships between housing characteristics, household characteristics and individual characteristics, such as health status and educational attainment. These findings are intended to help form the basis for any future multivariate analyses.

Prepared by Jeremy Hull, Prologica Research, Winnipeg, Manitoba. CMHC Project Officer : Candace Fedoruk. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. 140 pages (698.44 KB)

STATUS : New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY : Canadian Housing Information Centre and

ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/h/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu al/Cal%20MH%2010H57_w.pdf

ABORIGINAL HOUSING

SMALL FOOTPRINTS ON UNBROKEN LAND / HEALING BROKEN LAND

The project will contribute professional advice and services towards a new First Nation development project located on wild unbroken land in coastal BC and / or on previously used industrial or agricultural broken land. Starting with planning workshops and the development of a community plan, then moving towards establishing a renewable energy platform based on a business plan that establishes a continuous revenue stream, a sustainable development strategy and design solution will be produced for housing construction under Section 95 funding and other recently announced programs to produce 150± homes over 5 years. This will be combined with infrastructure funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Western Economic Diversification Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Human Resources and Social Development Canada. This project will produce a practical demonstration of sustainable planning, design and development models for rural and remote communities elsewhere in Canada. Fully planned and developed communities, complete with renewable energy systems, road, water, waste water and other essential infrastructure, will occur in several First Nation locations. Development models will be produced that encourage incorporation of sustainability principles and that are built upon economic development and capacity building. The ultimate outcome is 100-150 new homes built by community members in a community planned by the community through workshops and design charrettes.

CMHC Project Officer : Allan Dobie

CIDN : 35290200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING IN THE NORTH

This research was undertaken to produce a user-friendly plain language research report that provides a background of "northern" (North of 60) housing in Canada, identifies the types of challenges encountered in northern housing in Aboriginal (Inuit, First Nations, Métis) communities and provides best practice examples of sustainable housing (durable, affordable in construction through use of local materials when possible and in maintenance through provision of energy, water and waste water management at a manageable cost). In addition, the report examined sustainable housing components that have proven to be successful in Canada, and in northern countries that have geographic, climatic and resource challenges similar to those in northern Canada and which may be used, or adapted for use, in Canada. The project is complete and the report is being prepared.

CMHC Project Officer : William Semple

CIDN : 32740200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

See also: RETROFITTING CRAWL SPACES - FIRST NATIONS DEMONSTRATION, p. 9

CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTS

HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CANADIAN CHILDREN'S HEALTH OUTCOMES

This External Research Project will use Cycles 1 to 5 of the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY) to examine whether and how much a family's housing choices (owned home, unassisted rental, assisted housing; single family, row housing, etc.) affect child health outcomes. The research will seek to identify which housing and neighbourhood characteristics associated with home ownership, rental, assisted housing and/or type of housing have impacts on health outcomes, and which do not, and how these characteristics interact with housing choices to affect child health outcomes.

CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTS

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Holzman
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 36260205
STATUS : Ongoing

ROLE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN: AN EXPLORATORY LONGITUDINAL STUDY

The purpose of this External Research Program study is to develop a feasible and methodologically rigorous longitudinal research strategy that will be used to conduct a multi-city study to understand how the receipt of affordable rental or home ownership housing through the Affordable Housing Program impacts children's development and well-being. The second objective is to pre-test the developed research strategy by conducting a small-scale pilot study. The findings from the pilot will provide useful preliminary data on the impact of affordable housing on the well-being of children, particularly outcomes related to educational attainment. The findings will also be used to further refine the developed research methodology.

CMHC Project Officer : Ian Melzer
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38840202
STATUS : Ongoing

CITY PLANNING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

COMPARING PREVIOUS TO CURRENT LOCATION: URBAN FORM, SELF-SELECTION BIAS AND TRAVEL PATTERNS

This study would shed light on the relative influence of self-selection bias vs. urban form and demographic variables on travel patterns (e.g. reducing car travel, enabling walking, transit-use and cycling and encouraging mode choice). Since urban form is an area that planners, municipalities and developers can affect, the findings would be of interest to them in helping them build neighbourhoods that maximize modal choice and help reduce car travel.

CMHC Project Officer : Susan Fisher
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41850200
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

PRACTICAL DESIGN GUIDE FOR URBAN HEAT ISLAND MITIGATION MEASURES

There is little or no mention of the issue of heat islands in development practices, community plans or planning regulations. The main objective is to develop a practical design guide to help municipalities manage and address heat island problems, by analyzing Montréal and Toronto.

CMHC Project Officer : Duncan Hill
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41330201
STATUS : Ongoing

COOPERATIVE AND NON-PROFIT HOUSING

GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES IN NON-PROFIT HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS

This project focuses on gaining a better understanding of the organizational and operational challenges facing board members and managers of non-profit housing organizations in Quebec. The research examines management strategies that the boards of directors and managers are adopting in the face of increasingly complex financial, maintenance, and support services arrangements. Further, the research looks at factors that motivate individuals to serve on the boards, and it examines the ways in which management succession affects the operation of the organizations.

CMHC Project Officer : Hoda Shawki

Division : External Research Program

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38840204

STATUS : Ongoing

UPDATING "YOUR GUIDE TO RENTING A HOME" AND "GUIDE TO CO-OP HOUSING"

This project will provide for updating of the substantive content of CMHC's online rental guide ("Your Guide to Renting a Home") annually, and of CMHC's online "Guide to Co-operative Housing" every second year; of the live links contained in these guides every four months, and of the non-link information contained in these guides annually. It will also provide for the handling of enquiries as received and the potential addition of new sections to the guides.

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39660200

STATUS : Ongoing

HOME OWNERSHIP

COHORT PROGRESS TOWARD HOUSEHOLD FORMATION AND HOMEOWNERSHIP: A COMPARISON OF IMMIGRANT VISIBLE MINORITY GROUPS IN LOS ANGELES AND TORONTO

This External Research Program project will determine how robust the homeownership hierarchies of Canada and the United States are to different units of analysis.

CMHC Project Officer : Ian Melzer

Division : External Research Program

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41330202

STATUS : Ongoing

HOMELESSNESS

NEXT STEPS: EVALUATING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

This External Research Program study seeks to provide information that can determine the role that transitional shelters can play in the continuum of responses to homelessness. The research will assess the effectiveness of the Next Steps Transitional Shelter program in Victoria, British Columbia; will analyze individual outcomes through a macro-policy lens focused on adequacy of income, housing availability, access to health services, and social inclusion and supports; and will review the effectiveness of integrating research with a service provider's intake and exit processes.

CMHC Project Officer : Hoda Shawki

CIDN : 40140213

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN MAINTAINING HOUSING IN NORTHERN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

The purpose of this External Research Program study is to better understand the role of northern and rural public health inspectors in maintaining housing stock in accordance with health standards and how northern and rural housing challenges are addressed by public health inspectors.

CMHC Project Officer : Hoda Shawki

CIDN : 40140208

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

USING PHOTOVOICE TO EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN OTTAWA

Photovoice is a participatory action research method that combines photography with other forms of qualitative data collected from interviews, focus groups, or writings. This External Research Program study will use photovoice in the evaluation of eight supportive housing agencies that form the Ottawa Supportive Housing Network (OSHN). The research will develop methods for evaluating the implementation of supportive housing by network members using photovoice, will use photovoice to evaluate the implementation of the participating programs, and will assess the value of photovoice as a program evaluation method.

CMHC Project Officer : Hoda Shawki

CIDN : 40140211

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

MEASURING THE EMPLOYMENT EFFECTS OF RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION

The project will build upon earlier research and enhance CMHC's and the housing industry's understandings of the magnitude of the contribution that the residential construction sector makes to employment in the Canadian economy.

CMHC Project Officer : Michel Laurence

CIDN : 39861000

Division : Market Analysis Centre

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

ACTION RESEARCH ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

The question driving this External Research Program project is what is the potential for increasing housing choice and affordability in large Canadian cities through the application of sustainable transportation policy? The main goal of the research is to identify municipal transportation policies with the potential for the most positive impact on housing choice and affordability.

CMHC Project Officer : Meg Ogden

CIDN : 38840209

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: INTERNATIONAL POLICY RESPONSES

Over the past decade, cities and metropolitan areas in many parts of the world have experienced a sharp increase in housing prices and a decline in housing affordability. In some cases, these changes to local housing markets have led to concern that in addition to affecting low-income households, a lack of affordable housing might make it difficult to attract or to retain moderate-income households working in occupations that can be categorized as providing essential services to the community.

The goal of this research was to study mechanisms used by the governments of ten OECD countries to assess the housing situation of essential service workers, as well as the policy responses these governments developed to increase access to affordable housing for essential service workers in high-cost markets.

The research found that essential worker housing affordability has emerged as a policy concern in England, somewhat in the United States, and in some local contexts in the other OECD countries under consideration. It is only in England, however, where national programs were put in place to address the issue. The project thus sought to identify what factors enabled many countries to avoid the issue, despite experiencing large real increases in housing costs.

Prepared for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Prepared by Paul Connelly, Connelly Consulting Services in association with Steve Pomeroy and Ashley Chester. Ottawa: CMHC, 2010. 190 pages (2.82 MB)

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AVAILABILITY : Canadian Housing Information Centre and

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

STATE OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING ACTIVITY IN METRO VANCOUVER: AFFORDABILITY AND DIVERSITY

This research will answer the question: To what extent are municipalities in Metro Vancouver taking steps to address housing affordability and diversity in their communities? This External Research Program project will document the extent to which municipalities in Metro Vancouver are adopting and implementing measures laid out in the Metro Vancouver Affordable Housing Strategy (2007) to address issues of housing affordability and diversity. It will also create a resource that can be used by Metro Vancouver municipalities and others to learn what actions municipalities have taken to promote housing affordability and diversity.

CMHC Project Officer : Ian Melzer

CIDN : 41330203

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HOUSING AND IMMIGRATION

GHANAIAN AND SOMALI IMMIGRANTS IN TORONTO'S RENTAL MARKET: A COMPARATIVE CULTURAL OVERVIEW OF HOUSING PROBLEMS AND COPING STRATEGIES

This External Research Program study seeks to identify the housing challenges faced, and the coping strategies used, by Ghanaians and Somalis in the Toronto rental market, and how these are influenced by the cultural and the institutional context.

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli

CIDN : 41330206

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

MOBILITY EXPERIENCES OF IMMIGRANTS AND THE CANADIAN-BORN, AND HOMEOWNERSHIP

This project aims to answer two key research questions. First, do immigrants relocate in Canada more than the Canadian born, and if so, at what geographic levels? Second, among immigrants and the Canadian born who relocate, for whom is it more likely to end in homeownership?

Relocation trends and the resultant population distribution have important implications for regional development, allocation of public resources, local infrastructure, social capital, economies and services, and for the interaction of residents. The distribution of immigrants, in particular, is also of considerable interest to policy-makers as high concentrations of immigrants in selected urban centres and in neighbourhoods through initial settlement, secondary or subsequent migration, or residential movements, contribute to uneven social and economic development at multiple geographic levels.

This study used microdata from the 2006 Canadian Census of Population – 20 percent sample. The data are based on the long-form questionnaire of the census and contains social and economic data on individuals and households as well as data related to mobility and housing.

Prepared by Ann H. Kim. CMHC Project Officer: Richard Gabay. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2011. (External Research Program Report) 83 pages (1.23 MB)

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AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and

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HOUSING AND IMMIGRATION

UPDATING AND EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE SETTLING IN CANADA MINI WEB SITE

This study is aimed at improving and expanding the "Settling-in-Canada" tool on CMHC's web site which provides information to newcomers, both in Canada or abroad, on alternative settlement communities beyond the three largest CMAs in Canada.

CMHC Project Officer : Judith L. Binder

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41620200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

HOUSING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

CAPACITY STUDY OF THE CANADIAN PREFABRICATED PANEL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

This study will provide a lexicon of successful export behaviours in the manufactured housing industry and rank them in terms of their importance in achieving successful business. Each will then be described in detail and suggestions offered as to how they may be better disseminated among manufacturers. An estimate of the actual capacity of the Canadian industry able to provide the level of service necessary will also be made. The successful contractor is to identify specific packages of training and technology transfer which can enable these and other companies to achieve success abroad.

CMHC Project Officer : Oliver Drerup

Division : CMHC International

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39970900

STATUS : Ongoing

CASE STUDY FOR THE INTEGRATION OF TECHNICAL, REGULATORY AND COMMERCIAL, SUPPORT FOR HEAT RECOVERY VENTILATORS IN THE UK/IRELAND MARKETS

This project seeks to improve the Canadian heat recovery ventilator (HRV) industry's understanding of the technical, regulatory and commercial challenges to UK/Ireland market penetration and expansion. It will endeavor to increase the number of Canadian HRV manufacturers in possession of U.K. and/or EU regulatory approvals, which will lead to increased sales of Canadian HRVs to the U.K/Ireland and increased Canadian content of Super E housing system exports.

CMHC Project Officer : Terry Robinson

Division : CMHC International

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38780900

STATUS : Ongoing

HOUSING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND OPPORTUNITY STUDY ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING MARKET

The purpose of this project is to provide a study on the housing market in North and South Carolina for Canadian exporters.

CMHC Project Officer : Terry Robinson

Division : CMHC International

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39070900

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

POTENTIAL FOR CANADA'S WOOD-FRAME HOUSING SYSTEM IN DISASTER RECONSTRUCTION

The aim of this project is to assess Canada's capacity to supply low-cost prefabricated wood-frame shelters for international disaster reconstruction.

CMHC Project Officer : Brian Eames

Division : CMHC International

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39080900

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

RESEARCH ON EMERGING MARKETS FOR CANADIAN PRODUCTS & SERVICES

The purpose of this project is to report on which countries/areas in the Gulf Cooperation Council, Middle East offer potential export opportunities for Canadian product manufacturers and service providers.

CMHC Project Officer : Brian Eames

Division : CMHC International

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39950900

STATUS : Ongoing

STUDIES TO ADVANCE ACCEPTANCE OF WOOD-FRAME IN MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS IN FRANCE

The purpose of this project is to position Canadian technology as one of the most technically efficient concerning technical regulations and energy efficiency in comparison to the traditional building techniques and particularly in multi-family building where Canadians face less local competition. The objective is to increase the market share of current Canadian clients established in France, and to address technical concerns and myths about wood-frame multi-family buildings.

CMHC Project Officer : Terry Robinson

Division : CMHC International

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 42170900

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

HOUSING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

SUPER E PROGRAM IN FOREIGN MARKETS

The project will contribute to the activities of the Energy Efficient Exporters' Alliance (EEEE) in assisting Canadian housing system suppliers to construct energy efficient, healthy homes with high Canadian content in foreign markets. CMHC's contribution is directed towards seminars, training for members, annual Super E member forums, support for project development, quality assurance, testing and trouble shooting.

CMHC Project Officer : Brian Eames
Division : CMHC International
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40070900
STATUS : Ongoing

SUPER E PROGRAM/NET ZERO IN FOREIGN MARKETS

The project will contribute to the activities of the Energy Efficient Exporters' Alliance (EEEE) and its member companies in assisting Canadian housing system suppliers to construct energy efficient, healthy homes with high Canadian content in foreign markets. CMHC's contribution is directed towards seminars, training for members, and support for project development.

CMHC Project Officer : Brian Eames
Division : CMHC International
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 42090900
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION IN RURAL AREAS OF CHINA

The purpose of this project is to investigate the potential for Canadian wood frame construction and technology in rural areas of China.

CMHC Project Officer : Terry Robinson
Division : CMHC International
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38590900
STATUS : Ongoing
NEW

HOUSING FINANCE

SURVEY OF ISSUES AND CHALLENGES TO PROVIDING MARKET HOUSING FINANCE IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES

The goal of this research project is to identify and examine gaps and issues, if any, related to mortgage financing and other issues impeding the financing of market housing in the North. The research will focus on housing financing in the North by examining the issues faced by:

- a) lenders in providing mortgage financing for homeowners and private rental housing; and
- b) individual home-buyers and rental developers in obtaining mortgage loans.

The research will also consider the effects of non-market housing activities (e.g. social housing, territorial government staff housing, and industry-provided worker housing) on housing finance and the growth of market-based housing as it relates to the above-mentioned research focus.

CMHC Project Officer : Michel Blondin
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39590200
STATUS : Ongoing

HOUSING FINANCE

UPDATING CMHC'S ON-LINE CONDOMINIUM BUYERS' GUIDE

This project will update CMHC existing Condominium Buyers Guide, and extend it by adding provincial and territorial fact sheets (analogous to those in Your Guide to Renting a Home) since condominium legislation and regulations are made at the provincial /territorial level of government, and by providing the substantive input necessary to convert the resulting guide to a true on-line guide with links to other on-line sources of information (e.g. from provincial /territorial governments and non-governmental organizations).

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli

CIDN : 40380200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HOUSING INDICATORS AND DATA

CANADIAN HOUSING OBSERVER 2010

CMHC's flagship publication, the Canadian Housing Observer 2010, presents a review of housing trends in Canada and the key factors behind them, combining national coverage with provincial/territorial and metropolitan detail. The Observer's feature article this year is Housing and the Economy. Also new is a chapter on "An Exploration of Alternative Measures of Housing Need". This year's Observer also contains chapters examining housing finance, current market developments, housing demand, housing affordability, and the EQUilibrium™ Initiatives.

Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. 135 pages (6.62 MB)

STATUS : New Completed Report (Order number 67065)

AVAILABILITY : Canadian Housing Information Centre and
<http://www.cmhc.ca/od/?pid=67065>

CANADIAN HOUSING OBSERVER 2011

The Canadian Housing Observer is a flagship CMHC publication which provides comprehensive and authoritative reporting on the state of Canada's housing. The Observer is published annually, and is available in print and electronic formats. The analysis presented in the Observer, coupled with the extensive on-line data resources, provides Canada's housing sector with an indispensable tool for identifying, monitoring and addressing housing trends and issues.

CMHC Project Officer : Sandra Baynes

CIDN : 41510200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

LOCATION AND GASOLINE PRICE AS COFACTORS IN HOME PRICES

This External Research Program project will assess the possible impacts of changes in gasoline price on home prices in parts of the Toronto and Vancouver regions and discuss the assessment. The hypothesis to be tested is that high or rising gasoline prices enhance the price of centrally located homes in these urban regions in comparison with homes that are less centrally located (and vice versa: low or falling gasoline prices have the opposite effect).

CMHC Project Officer : Susan Fisher

CIDN : 40140214

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

HOUSING RESEARCH

MEASURING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES OF GOOD HOUSING: FINAL REPORT

This report has attempted to achieve two goals:

- "...review national and international literature in order to understand the conceptual framework linking good housing and non-shelter outcomes (NSOs), and to examine the methodologies and indicators, which have been developed/used to measure these relationships."
- "...propose a statistically robust methodology for measuring CMHC identified non-shelter outcomes of good housing."

With respect to the first goal, an extensive literature review identifies a viable theoretical framework for defining good housing based on four dimensions—the house, the home, the neighbourhood, and the community. It examines the NSOs that, in previous work, have been linked to good housing and discusses these outcomes in detail, proposing applicable and conceptually sound measures. Finally, this paper identifies the relationships between housing and NSOs that have been substantiated in the literature.

In support of the second goal—the development of robust methods for measuring non-shelter outcomes of good housing—the study examines data sources that could support the analysis of the causal relationship between good housing and NSOs.

Prepared by Prairie Research Associates. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2011. 110 pages (1.43 MB)

STATUS : New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and

ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/Rsearch_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu al/Cal%20MH%2011M27_w.pdf

INFRASTRUCTURE

CASE STUDIES OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PERFORMANCE AND COSTS

This project will produce a series of case studies documenting various green infrastructure implementations in residential developments and in particular their performance, costs and cost trade-offs compared to conventional approaches.

CMHC Project Officer : Cynthia Rattle

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41840200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

ECONOMIC QUANTIFICATION OF THE "SOFT" BENEFITS OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

This External Research Program project is focused on the following question: How can we value the "soft" (difficult to quantify) benefits associated with various types of green infrastructure? The objectives of the study are as follows:-- determine the full range of soft benefits associated with green infrastructure;-- identify the key benefits that are the most feasible to quantify;-- explore evaluation methodologies for each of the key benefits; and -- provide tangible development scenarios showing how the evaluation methodologies could be applied "on the ground".

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Holzman

Division : External Research Program

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38840216

STATUS : Ongoing

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

COMPENDIUM OF CANADIAN ACCESSIBLE HOUSING CODES AND STANDARDS

This External Research Program project evaluated Canadian and international housing codes and standards to assess their inclusion of technical specifications that relate to accessibility and usability by people with disabilities and older persons.

One of the latest international trends in housing is the concept of visitability, constructing housing that has level access, allows use of a toilet and circulation throughout the main level of a home for people with mobility impairments.

The project involved a comparison of the technical specifications in the National Building Code, all provincial codes, the CSA Standard B651 and selected housing codes from Japan, The Netherlands, Ireland, Australia and the United Kingdom.

The final report summarizes the findings, highlights isolated technical specifications found in the Canadian codes, and features best practices where the concept of visitability has been mandated in all housing in England and Denmark. Additionally some municipalities in Canada have passed bylaws requiring visitability in new housing.

Prepared by BDEL. CMHC Project Officer: Hoda Shawki. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. (External Research Program Report) 110 pages (1.00 MB)

STATUS: New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and

ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccdh/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu al/Compendium%20Ca1%20MH%2010C53_w.pdf

PATTERNS OF USE OF DIFFERENT TOILET GRAB BAR CONFIGURATIONS

A previous study looking at different toilet grab bar configurations showed that ambulatory and non-ambulatory seniors highly prefer the presence of a grab bar on both sides of the toilet seat contrary to American and Canadian recommended guidelines. This External Research Program study will focus on the "patterns of use" of six (6) different toilet grab bar configurations having grab bars on both side of the toilet seat.

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli

CIDN : 34380216

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

PROFILE HOUSING CONDITIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The project analyzed data from Statistics Canada's 2001 post censal Participation Activity Limitation Survey (PALS) linked to CMHC's custom core housing need data and a range of socio-economic and demographic characteristics from the Census, and produced a series of research highlights profiling the housing conditions of persons with disabilities - the first based on the 2001 Census data, and subsequent highlights focussing on specific disability areas such as agility and mobility, hearing, seeing, speaking/communication, psychiatric or mental health issues, developmental/intellectual, learning disabilities, as well as the specific needs of children and seniors.

STATUS : Completed

AVAILABILITY : Product is available on the web

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

UPDATING AND ENHANCING CMHC PUBLICATIONS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF HOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

This project produced a number of publications in the CMHC About Your House (AYH) Accessible by Design series for use by persons with disabilities, architects, occupational therapists, renovators, builders and the general public. The titles include inter alia House Plans and Design, Fire Safety, Interior and Exterior Ramps, Kitchens, Bathrooms and Living Spaces.

STATUS : Completed

AVAILABILITY : Product is available on the web

WELCOMING HOME: SOCIAL SUPPORT AS A BENEFIT OF CONGREGATE LIVING FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

This study examined the benefits of congregate living for individuals who have a mental illness. Congregate living in this study is defined as residing in a home in which a person has a private bedroom but shares common spaces such as bathrooms, a kitchen, and sitting/recreational rooms.

The objectives of this study were:

- To identify the perceived benefits of residing in self-contained units;
- To explore whether perceived benefits of residing in self-contained units can be achieved by residing in congregate settings; and
- To explore whether additional gains are provided through congregate living (e.g. greater social support) in addition to the perceived benefits of residing in self-contained units.

Prepared by Joan Nandlal and William Woolrich. CMHC Project Officer: Jim Zamprelli. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. (External Research Program Report) 33 pages (1.05 MB)

Note: No. 11-004 in the Research Highlights Socio-economic Series summarizes the results of this research and is available on the CMHC web site (Order number 67272)

STATUS: New Completed Report and Research Highlight

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and

ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-crdh/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu al/Cal%20MH%2010V23_w.pdf

RENOVATION AND INSPECTION

ESTIMATING THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF HOME RENOVATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE AGING AND DISABILITY

This project will apply the new CMHC cost-benefit framework, or model, to estimate the costs and benefits of home renovations to accommodate aging and disability relative to long-term care institutionalization. The project will include a national survey, involving personal interviews with at least 250 RRAP-D and HASI program beneficiaries and 200 telephone surveys to generate statistically reliable estimates of the costs and benefits. At least 50 caregivers of program beneficiaries will also participate. Following the conduct of the surveys, the resulting cost and benefits of the renovations will be compared with available data on the cost and benefits of long-term care institutionalization. This project will produce estimates of the costs and benefits, and cost-benefit ratios, of home renovations to accommodate aging and disability. Such estimates would be useful to policy at the Federal/Provincial/Territorial/Municipal levels related to funding such housing renovations and to the health services sector, regarding related support services programs for seniors and persons with disabilities. The societal impact on care giving and the health care sector will be examined.

RENOVATION AND INSPECTION

CMHC Project Officer : Ian Melzer
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 35440200
STATUS : Ongoing

See also: Technical Research on Renovation and Inspection, p. 25-26

RENTAL HOUSING

REGULATIONS IN THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN QUEBEC AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE COST OF RENTAL HOUSING

This research assesses the impact of the variety of regulations affecting residential construction in Quebec on the cost of rental housing. The research includes a literature search of residential building regulations and interviews with experts in the housing industry, building officials in the Ville de Québec, representatives of the Commission de la construction du Québec (CCQ), l'Association de la construction du Québec (ACQ), the Corporation des entrepreneurs généraux du Québec (CEGQ), and several residential builders. The research includes estimates of the costs of residential construction attributed to these regulations, and their effects on housing rents.

CMHC Project Officer : Barry Craig
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 28920202
STATUS : Ongoing

UPDATING "YOUR GUIDE TO RENTING A HOME" AND "GUIDE TO CO-OP HOUSING"

This project will provide for updating of the substantive content of CMHC's online rental guide ("Your Guide to Renting a Home") annually, and of CMHC's online "Guide to Co-operative Housing" every second year; of the live links contained in these guides every four months, and of the non-link information contained in these guides annually. It will also provide for the handling of enquiries as received and the potential addition of new sections to the guides.

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39660200
STATUS : Ongoing

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO DENSITY: UNDERSTANDING RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES IN THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE

Density targets, a discrete measure of density designed to curb sprawl and encourage compact, sustainable development, are useful benchmarks for planners, architects and developers, but are often unintelligible to the average citizen. Driven by provincial growth directives, municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe are struggling with how to translate density targets into tangible and meaningful examples. This External Research Program research seeks to demonstrate how this can be done through the development of a handbook that will illustrate and simply communicate residential densities that contribute positively to the public realm.

CMHC Project Officer : Cynthia Rattle
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40140218
STATUS : Ongoing

EXAMINATION INTO GOVERNMENT IMPOSED CHARGES ON NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION: FINAL REPORT

This study examined government imposed charges (GICs) on new housing in 21 centres across Canada in 2009. GICs are comprised of a range of levies, fees, charges and taxes that are imposed by municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

This study is the 4th in a series; the other studies examined GICs in 1996, 2002 and 2006. This 2009 report presents estimates of the various GICs associated with new dwelling units – both 'median' (50th percentile) and 'modest' (20th-25th percentile) priced single-detached, semi-detached, row and apartment units in 21 centres. Further, this report examines trends in GICs over the 2006 to 2009 timeframe based on the findings of the current study relative to the 2006 study focusing on 'median' priced single detached units.

In addition to the GICs examined in the 2002 and 2006 reports, the 2009 study also examines incentives for new housing development, offered at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. Further, the subject study includes two additional infrastructure charges at the municipal level: public transport and/or environmental related fees/contributions.

The report is comprised of 4 sections. Section 1 provides an introduction and background including an overview of the report structure. Section 2 details the study scope and methodology used to gather and analyze data. Section 3 includes a description of the various GICs at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. The estimates of the 2009 GICs for new housing in 2009 are detailed for the modest and median single detached dwelling units. Section 4 details the absolute and relative GIC trends for median priced single detached dwelling units over the 2006 to 2009 timeframe.

Prepared by IBI Group. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. iii, 47 pages + appendices (199 pages)

STATUS: New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and Final Report (605.34 KB):
ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/Rsearch_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu_al/Cal_MH_10G53_w.pdf

Appendices (7.32 MB):
ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccd/Rsearch_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu_al/Cal_MH_10G53_Apndix_w.pdf

IN PURSUIT OF SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS: THE NEXT STEP - A ROAD SAFETY EVALUATION OF ROAD NETWORK PATTERNS, INCLUDING CMHC'S FUSED GRID ROAD NETWORK PATTERN

The objectives of this External Research Program project are: (1) to develop models for use by Ottawa planners and engineers to do empirical road safety planning; (2) to apply these models in a case study using actual data, to evaluate the level of safety of CMHC's Fused Grid pattern; and (3) to compare the road safety of the Fused Grid road network with four other road network patterns.

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Holzman

Division : External Research Program

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 38840212

STATUS : Ongoing

SENIORS

CERTIFICATION OF SENIORS' RESIDENCES IN QUEBEC: FACILITATING AND CONSTRAINING FACTORS

In February 2007, the Government of Quebec introduced a mandatory process for the compliance certification of all seniors' residences. The development and application of such a process pose major challenges for the different stakeholders in this process in order to meet organizational changes and the standardization of a series of practices that are now imposed in this sector. This External Research Program study aims to highlight the positive factors and constraints perceived by three of the stakeholders in this process, namely, the operators, the agencies and the "Conseil québécois d'agrément" (Quebec certification council).

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli

CIDN : 40140212

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

EFFETS PROBABLES DU VIEILLISSEMENT DE LA POPULATION SUR LE MARCHÉ DE L'HABITATION : ÉTUDE PROSPECTIVE : RAPPORT FINAL

Over the coming decades, industrial countries will be confronted with the significant aging of their populations. Baby boomers, now entering their sixties, are strongly questioning their lifestyles and living arrangements. Given their demographic and economic weight, they will continue, as they have since the postwar years, to make their mark on the real estate market. Based on an age cohort analysis, this study attempts to determine, in a prospective manner for the coming decades, the major residential real estate market trends in Quebec and its two largest metropolitan areas and, in so doing, identify any breaking points that could weaken the overall housing market.

Prepared by Daniel Gill; assisted by: Tom Flies, Simon Desrochers. CMHC Project Officer: Jim Zamprelli. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2009. (External Research Program Report) 162 pages (1.11 MB)

STATUS: New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and

ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccdh/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/fr_unilingue/CaI%20MH%2009E26_W.pdf

ENVIRONMENT SCAN ON CANADIAN SENIORS' TRANSITIONS TO SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES

The objective of this research is to review the literature and produce an annotated bibliography, and compile and analyze available data on housing transitions to special care facilities by Canadian seniors (aged 65+).

CMHC Project Officer : Ian Melzer

CIDN : 41110200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

NEW

FEASIBILITY OF SMART HOME TECHNOLOGY IN AFFORDABLE SENIORS' HOMES : FINAL REPORT

In this 9-month pilot study, 11 prototype smart voice fridge sensors that provide voice prompts and report activity status were installed in affordable seniors' housing units to confirm user acceptance and system performance. Activity trends of the occupants were also identified. A total of 11 apartment dwellers (mean age of 75, 2 male) were recruited to test the smart voice fridge sensors over a six-week period. A questionnaire was administered at the start and end of the trial to obtain feedback on the technology.

The results of the study confirmed that the smart voice fridge sensor is a non-invasive technology that was deemed acceptable by the older adults who participated. Despite the fact that the majority of participants did not feel the technology was required at present, most of these individuals indicated that they would prefer a fridge equipped with a smart voice sensor to one without.

In addition, the study resulted in the identification of predominant patterns of fridge usage amongst participants that may be of value in monitoring older adults' health status.

Finally, a full test report on the technology was completed demonstrating the robust performance of the units throughout the trial.

Prepared by Frank Knoefel and Rafik Goubran. CMHC Project Officer: Jim Zamprelli. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2011. (External Research Program Report) 43 pages (1.52 MB)

STATUS: New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and
ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccdh/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu/Cal%20MH%20%2011F27_w.pdf

INCIDENCES DU VIEILLISSEMENT DE LA POPULATION SUR LE PRIX RÉEL DES LOGEMENTS AU CANADA

Population aging is a trend that will accelerate in Canada in the next two decades with the aging of the baby boom generation. The goal of this research was to study the effects of population aging on real housing prices in Canada. The project includes a review of the Canadian and the international literature on the effects of demographic changes on real housing prices and the development of an econometric model of these effects for Canada. The model is used to project real housing price changes in Canada and in each province for the next 20 years under different scenarios.

Prepared by Mario Fortin. CMHC Project Officer: Hoda Shawki. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2011. 106 pages (3.24 MB)

STATUS: New Completed Report

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and
ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-ccdh/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/fr_unilingue/Cal%20MH%2011I58%20_W.pdf

SENIORS

SMART GRAB BARS: A POTENTIAL INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE BATH GRAB BAR USE IN COMMUNITY DWELLING OLDER ADULTS

This study sought to determine the ability of the smart grab bar to increase grab bar use among community-dwelling seniors. More specifically, it assessed the effects of an auditory cue, a visual cue and the combination of both cues on the frequency of use of a grab bar in older adults; recorded the reactions of community-dwelling seniors to these cues; identified any areas for improvement of the prototype; and further explored the potential use of the smart grab bar.

Investigators: Paulette Guitard, Heidi Sveistrup, Atef Fahim, Carol Leonard. CMHC Project Officer: Jim Zamprelli. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2010. (External Research Program Report) 60 pages (1.27 MB)

Note: No. 11-003 in the Research Highlights Socio-economic Series summarizes the results of this research and is available on the CMHC web site (Order number 67275)

STATUS: New Completed Report and Research Highlight

AVAILABILITY: Canadian Housing Information Centre and
ftp://ftp.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/chic-cddh/Research_Reports-Rapports_de_recherche/eng_unilingu/ai/Ca1%20MH%2010S53_w.pdf

UPDATING THE PUBLICATION "HOUSING FOR OLDER CANADIANS: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE OVER 55 MARKET"

This project will focus on updating the publication "Housing for Older Canadians: The Definitive Guide to the Over-55 Market", published by CMHC in 1999. The updated product will comprise a series of shorter publications that are based on updated content and that focus on a narrower range of topics. The new product will be available in both print and web formats and will make the information more accessible to the industry at a time when the market for seniors' housing is growing.

CMHC Project Officer: Hoda Shawki

CIDN : 39690200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SOCIAL HOUSING

DO SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION METHODS HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE WELL-BEING AND HEALTH OF FAMILIES? A COMPARISON OF LOW-RENT HOUSING PROGRAMS AND RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAMS IN MONTRÉAL

This External Research Program project will compare the levels of well-being and health of families under two social housing programs in Montréal.

CMHC Project Officer: Jim Zamprelli

CIDN : 41330204

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SOCIAL HOUSING

REGENT PARK LONGITUDINAL HEALTH STUDY

This study will investigate the effects of the Regent Park Social Housing Revitalization Project - Phase I Redevelopment on the health and well-being of residents, and how interventions in the built environment may reduce health inequalities and improve the lives of low-income, urban populations, using a quasi-experimental research design. The redevelopment plan seeks to: a) create social mix; b) promote positive social interaction (using innovative architectural and urban designs); and c) create affordable home ownership for a subset of residents.

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Salerno

CIDN : 34470200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION PROJECTS

The purpose of this project is to examine, through case study research, the redevelopment and regeneration of social and affordable housing. The research will document efforts to address obsolescence in social and affordable housing, that is, buildings that are nearing the end of their lifecycle or where building functionality is incompatible with current tenant and/or community needs. The research will also examine efforts to pursue redevelopment opportunities (e.g. increasing the number of affordable housing units, improving access and movement on site, selling vacant land and/or buildings, etc.). The research project is intended to act as a source of information for public and private property owners.

CMHC Project Officer : Janet Neves

CIDN : 37550200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

SUPPORTIVE/SUPPORTED HOUSING WITHIN SOCIAL HOUSING

This project will examine the role of social housing in providing the housing component of supported/supportive housing, to include: a description of supported or supportive housing models within social housing and an estimate of its prevalence; an analysis of the experiences with supported/supportive housing within social housing, from the point of view of housing providers, service providers, residents and government agencies; a review of successful partnerships, lessons learned and best practices in the provision of supported/supportive housing.

CMHC Project Officer : Jim Zamprelli

CIDN : 38220200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

See also: DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENERGY MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL HOUSING IN ONTARIO, p. 12

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & HEALTHY HOUSING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL (CARBON FOOTPRINT) REDUCTION PROJECT

This External Research Program project will test the effectiveness of a community based approach to reducing the environmental carbon footprint of individual households in existing neighbourhoods. It will investigate the differences in footprint between neighbourhood and housing types, the environmental measures most likely to be implemented by residents, and the results of these actions.

CMHC Project Officer : Meg Ogden

CIDN : 40140217

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

ESTIMATING THE GREEN HOUSE GAS IMPLICATIONS OF LAND-USE PATTERNS: A METHODOLOGY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

This External Research Program project will develop a dedicated tool to empower communities to define parameters and subsequently assess the energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission implications of planning decisions. It will build upon and extend research completed for Salt Spring Island, BC, which examined the long-term greenhouse gas implications of different build-out scenarios and found that significant current GHG emissions savings were achievable. This project will result in a model that can be deployed by small and medium sized communities to measure the greenhouse gas implications of planning scenarios.

CMHC Project Officer : Meg Ogden

CIDN : 40140215

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

FAMILIES LIVING DOWNTOWN: CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS

This External Research Program study will examine the housing-related experiences of families who are choosing to live in or near downtown areas. It will examine the reasons for their choice, how they are managing their urban life with their children, and the challenges and benefits they experience once they have lived there for some time. These experiences will be related to key objective measures of their own residence and their downtown neighbourhood. This research will complement previous views on how to plan central areas for families by studying the experiences of downtown family residents, those who actually "live their life" there.

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Holzman

CIDN : 34380210

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

INDEX FOR LANDSCAPE GUIDE FOR CANADIAN HOMES

This project will add the following new and updated features in "Landscape Guide for Canadian Homes": an index, photos of each plant in the plant list, plus updates to the "resources and further reading" section.

CMHC Project Officer : Susan Fisher

CIDN : 36710200

Division : Policy and Research Division

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

POTENTIAL OF REPLOTTING TO IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CITIES IN WESTERN CANADA

This External Research project is based on the hypothesis that replotting can be employed as a useful tool for developers and housing/planning authorities to assist in certain land assembly situations. The research will investigate whether the replot legislation extant in western Canada could be used to overcome a weakness often seen in the land development process in urban intensification locales, and thereby show how governments and developers can bring about better developments that will contribute to improving the sustainability of cities.

CMHC Project Officer : Cynthia Rattle
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 40140216
STATUS : Ongoing

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS FOR COMPUTER-BASED TOOLS IN COMMUNITY DESIGN

This External Research Project will evaluate sustainability indicators for potential integration with widely used geographic information system based modelling and visualization tools. It will refine the content and method of the indicators most suitable for such integration, propose new indicators where necessary, test refined and proposed indicators in a case study project and evaluate the results for broad application.

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Holzman
Division : External Research Program
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 34380211
STATUS : Ongoing

UNDERSTANDING THE SMART GROWTH GAP

This project will investigate the reasons for the gap between stated municipal policy objectives, which align with the goals of Smart Growth, and the results on the ground. It will aim to answer the following questions:

- What prevents the accomplishment of set goals?
- Are the goals inherently unachievable?
- What are the expected impacts of Smart Growth practices under a normal positive scenario?
- What time lines can be speculated or calculated for prescribed outcomes?
- What strategies are deemed most effective with respect to the level of impact?

The intent of this research is to enable local governments and industry to lay out a strategy that will produce sustained positive outcomes with predictable beneficial effects for the environment and for the well-being of community residents.

CMHC Project Officer : Mark Holzman
Division : Policy and Research Division
AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 35230200
STATUS : Ongoing

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & HEALTHY HOUSING

UPDATE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPARISON WEB TOOL

This project will update an existing CMHC Web-based tool (<http://cmhc.ca/en/co/buho/sune/index.cfm>) that compares 6 neighbourhood types for key quality of life, environment and affordability variables in Canada's 5 largest metropolitan areas. The new project will update the census derived data with 2006 census results, since currently much of the data is based on the 2001 census. Two new variables will be added to the comparison: walkability and access to key commercial destinations.

CMHC Project Officer : Susan Fisher

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 39560200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

UPDATE OF SUSTAINABLE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

This activity will update the content of the CMHC Sustainable Planning and Development Workshop for Small Communities which provides elected officials with knowledge and understanding of sustainable planning and development best practice information from the perspective of small communities thus promoting sustainable residential development.

CMHC Project Officer : Cynthia Rattle

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 41240200

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

See also: Technical Research on Sustainable Development & Healthy Housing, p. 26-30

WOMEN AND HOUSING

ALL OUR SISTERS NATIONAL FORUM 2011

The All Our Sisters National Forum is the first Canadian forum specifically addressing security of housing, homelessness and safe communities for women. It will focus on safe, sustainable, and affordable housing while considering three themes: recognizing barriers, best practices to create safe housing and safe communities, and moving forward by creating change. The conference aims to increase the understanding of Canadian women's unique challenges in the housing continuum. CMHC sponsorship and participation will enhance CMHC's position as Canada's national housing agency.

CMHC Project Officer : Sandra Baynes

Division : Policy and Research Division

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CIDN : 43020202

STATUS : Ongoing

NEW

WOMEN AND HOUSING

HOUSING DIFFICULTIES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS IN THE LIVES OF ABUSED WOMEN

This External Research Program project is examining the housing difficulties and experiences of women who have experienced different kinds of interpersonal violence (i.e., spousal, family, and landlord), and to explore how their experiences vary as a function of the kind of violence.

CMHC Project Officer : Sandra Baynes

CIDN : 38840203

Division : External Research Program

STATUS : Ongoing

AVAILABILITY : Product is not yet available

CMHC RESEARCH REPORT LISTINGS

To provide quick and comprehensive access to CMHC research published on a given topic, the Canadian Housing Information Centre compiles comprehensive listings of housing research produced over a number of years on certain topics. Topics chosen are those for which there is ongoing client interest and/or for which CMHC has published considerable research. To obtain an electronic, faxed or mailed copy of any of the lists below, contact the Canadian Housing Information Centre at: 1-800-668-2642 or e-mail us at: chic@cmhc.gc.ca

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♦ Environmental Site Assessment and Contaminated Lands	♦ Healthy Housing
♦ Heating and Ventilation	♦ Homelessness
♦ Housing and Women	♦ Housing Export Opportunities
♦ Housing for Older Canadians	♦ Housing for Persons with Disabilities
♦ Indoor Air Pollution	♦ Infrastructure
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♦ Manufactured Housing	♦ Moisture Problems
♦ Mortgages and Housing Finance	♦ Newcomers, Immigration & Settlement
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ABOUT YOUR HOUSE SERIES

Fact sheets on common housing questions, issues and problems.

These documents are available in HTML and Adobe Acrobat format (pdf) on the CMHC web site at:
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Order no.	Series no.	Title
62027	CE 1	Measuring Humidity in Your Home Is there condensation on the windows? Are there wet stains on the walls or ceilings? Is there static or sparks whenever you touch something? Diagnose humidity problems in your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Mesurer l'humidité dans votre maison
62028	CE 2	Combustion Gases in Your Home Do you have a gas or oil fired furnace, boiler or water heater? What about a woodstove or fireplace? Take the necessary steps to keep combustion gases out of your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les gaz de combustion dans votre maison
62029	CE 3	Asbestos What is asbestos? Why is it so useful? What problems can asbestos cause and what options does the homeowner have in dealing with them? Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Amiante
62030	CE 4	Hydronic Radiant Floor Heating Heating option for homes. Tubes are placed in concrete floor with water running through. Popular in bathrooms and kitchen, and can be done for entire house - new or existing. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Système de chauffage à eau chaude par rayonnement à partir du sol
62031	CE 5A	Understanding Window Terminology This factsheet offers helpful guidance on buying the right type of window for your home. Terminology commonly used in the window industry is also presented. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comprendre la terminologie des fenêtres
62032	CE 6	Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI) What is UFFI? Why was it banned? Should you be concerned about UFFI? How do you know if your home has UFFI? Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Mousse isolante d'urée-formaldéhyde (MIUF)

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60515	CE 7	After the Flood Protect your health and prevent further damage to your home by following this step-by-step guide to restoring your home after a flood. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Après une inondation
60516	CE 8	Fighting Mold: The Homeowner's Guide Mold can cause allergies or respiratory disease. Learn how to identify and eliminate mold from your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Combattre la moisissure -- Guide pour les propriétaires-occupants
62043	CE 9	Maintaining Your HRV For a clean and healthy living environment, review the seven steps to maintaining the Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV). Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : L'entretien du VRC
60339	CE 10	Wood Heat Safety in an Emergency Whether you often use a wood stove or a fireplace, or are coping with an emergency loss of electricity, learn how to safely use wood to heat your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le chauffage au bois en toute sécurité lors d'une situation d'urgence
60356	CE 11	When You Must Leave Your House Due to Prolonged Winter Power Outage A series of practical tips to protect your home in case you are required to evacuate for more than 24 hours because of power failure. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Si vous devez quitter votre maison à cause d'une longue interruption de courant en hiver
60360	CE 12	Helping Your Trees Survive Storm Damage Practical pruning advice to restore the health and shape of trees damaged by ice or wind storms. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Soins à donner aux arbres endommagés par une tempête
62034	CE 13	Attic Venting, Attic Moisture, and Ice Dams How do you deal with a leak in the ceiling? How should an attic be properly vented? How do you eliminate ice dams? This fact sheet will answer these and other attic related questions. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Ventilation du vide sous toit, humidité dans le vide sous toit et formation de barrières de glace

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62035	CE 14	Soot Staining on Carpets Does your carpet have permanent dark stains near baseboards, air registers or under doorways? Find out what causes carpet streaking and what you can do about it. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Taches en trainée sur les moquettes
62036	CE 15	Removing Ice on Roofs Whether you have a sloped or flat roof, learn techniques that will help you deal with extensive roof icing or ice dam problems. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : L'enlèvement de la glace sur les toitures
62037	CE 17	The Importance of Bathroom and Kitchen Fans Choosing the proper kitchen and bathroom fans is important for improving indoor air quality and maintaining ideal humidity levels. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Importance des ventilateurs de cuisine et de salle de bains
62038	CE 18	How to Read a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) Reading and understanding the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides product information about product hazards and the necessary safety precautions to follow when using it. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comment déchiffrer une fiche technique sur la sécurité des substances (FTSS)
62039	CE 19	Insulating Your House Choose the right insulation to reduce the amount of energy you use and to make your home more comfortable. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : L'isolation de votre maison
62040	CE 21	Log Homes: Frequently Asked Questions A list of questions and answers concerning the unique design and building considerations for log homes. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Foire aux questions - maisons en rondins
62041	CE 22	Your Furnace Filter To reduce exposure to airborne particles, choose the furnace filter that best suits your needs. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le filtre de votre générateur d'air chaud

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62042	CE 23	Water-Saving Tips for Your Lawn and Garden Often water is applied inefficiently, resulting in significant waste due to over watering, evaporation or run-off. Here are some general watering tips to avoid such waste. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comment entretenir vos pelouses et jardins en économisant l'eau
60417	CE 24	Backup Power for Your Home The top ten tips in choosing the appropriate backup system to provide electricity to your home in the event of a prolonged power failure. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Alimentation de secours pour votre maison
62046	CE 25	Carbon Monoxide A list of questions and answers dealing with keeping Carbon Monoxide out of your home and to help you choose the right CO detector. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le monoxyde de carbone
62277	CE 26a	Hiring a Contractor How do you find the "right" contractor for you? What should go in a contract? What are liens, holdbacks and completion certificates? Make sure you get what you want and pay for when hiring a contractor. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le Choix d'un entrepreneur
62351	CE 26b	Sample Renovation Contract A detailed written contract between you and the contractor you hire is essential to any renovation or home repair project, no matter its size. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Modèle de contrat de rénovation
62045	CE 27	Choosing a Dehumidifier Air that is too damp can cause condensation on windows, water damage to materials, mold and even wood rot. Choose the right dehumidifier to regulate the humidity in your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le Choix d'un déshumidificateur
	CE 28	The Renovation Project (12 parts) This series will assist you in making informed decisions before you renovate. Each easy-to-read fact sheet helps you ask the key questions, reviews the available options and discusses the consequences if certain aspects of the renovation are overlooked. Advance planning is the key to successful renovations. These fact sheets help you plan, assess, and avoid surprises. Achieve the results you want by doing your renovation right the first time.

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Order no.	Series no.	Title
62246	CE 28a	Assessing the Renovation Project Before renovating, it's important to assess your home's current condition to determine if there are significant problems that you must deal with before or during the renovation project. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Évaluation des travaux de rénovation
62248	CE 28b	Renovating your Basement - Structural Issues and Soil Conditions Renovating a basement can add value and extra living space to a home. Fixing foundation problems before renovating is essential to preserve the durability and structure of the house. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Rénovation du sous-sol - Aspects structuraux et conditions du sol
62250	CE 28c	Renovating Your Basement - Moisture Problems Is there condensation on the basement windows? Are there white chalky stains on the foundation? Do the carpets smell musty? Creating a clean, dry and healthy living space is a critical first step. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Avant de rénover votre sous-sol - Problèmes d'humidité
62252	CE 28d	Renovating Your Kitchen The kitchen is often the most used room in the house and kitchen renovations typically have the highest financial payback. Conduct a pre-renovation inspection and prioritize the most desirable features for your new kitchen. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Avant de rénover votre cuisine
62254	CE 28e	Renovating Your Bathroom Bathroom renovations offer the second highest financial payback rate and are one of the most common home improvement projects. Use this fact sheet to check for problems before you renovate. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Rénovation de la salle de bains
62256	CE 28f	Window and Door Renovations Do you want more natural light in your living area? Are you concerned about security? Before repairing or replacing windows and doors, consider all of the factors outlined in this fact sheet. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Nouvelles portes et fenêtres

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Order no.	Series no.	Title
62258	CE 28g	Repairing or Replacing Roof Finishes Regular maintenance and periodic roof inspections will identify problems before they cause costly damage to your home. Learn about the key factors that will determine whether you should repair or replace your roof. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Avant de réparer ou remplacer le revêtement du toit
62260	CE 28h	Repairing and Replacing Materials - Exterior Walls Exterior finish materials must prevent rain and snow from penetrating the building and causing moisture damage. Repairing or replacing exterior wall finishes will protect and preserve the durability and structure of the home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Avant de réparer ou remplacer des matériaux - les murs extérieurs
62262	CE 28i	Energy Efficient Retrofit - Mechanical Systems Upgrading the heating, cooling and ventilation (HVAC) equipment is the best way to create a healthy, comfortable and less expensive home to operate. Before altering these, it is important to understand how the overall performance of the house will be affected. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Avant d'améliorer l'efficacité énergétique de votre maison - installations mécaniques
62264	CE 28j	Energy Efficient Retrofit - The Building Envelope The envelope, or outer layer, of your house separates living space from the outdoor elements. Improving it can result in a better insulated, more airtight home that is easier to heat. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Améliorer l'efficacité énergétique - L'enveloppe du bâtiment
62266	CE 28k	Assessing the Comfort and Safety of Mechanical Systems The heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are a vital part of your home. Ensure that your mechanical systems are operating safely and efficiently. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Évaluation de vos installations mécaniques - confort et sécurité
62268	CE 28L	A New Addition Before building an addition, clearly identify the features you need and inspect the current structure and mechanical systems to be sure they can support the new addition. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Avant de construire une annexe

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62044	CE 29	Should you get your Heating Ducts Cleaned? Should you get your heating ducts cleaned? Will clean ducts result in improved air quality? When is duct cleaning most appropriate? This fact sheet separates fact from fiction. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Doit-on faire nettoyer les conduits de chauffage?
63322	CE 30	Water Damage, Mold and House Insurance You've had water damage in your house due to a burst pipe, a roof leak, or a heavy summer storm. You hope that your insurance will cover the damage. What to do? Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Moisissure, dommages causés par l'eau et assurance habitation
62226	CE 31	Understanding and Dealing with Interactions Between Trees, Sensitive Clay Soils and Foundations Is the size, type or siting of a tree affecting your foundation? Understanding the interactions between trees, soils and the foundation can help you avoid foundation shifting, cracks and other damage. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comprendre l'interaction des arbres, du sol d'argile sensible et des fondations et agir en conséquence
65329	CE 32	Setback Thermostats There are many claims about the energy savings due to setback thermostats. This document quantifies the savings but also describes houses or conditions where setback thermostats are not recommended. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les thermostats programmables
62288	CE 33	CMHC Garbage Bag Airflow Test This simple test uses an ordinary garbage bag to help you estimate airflow from your furnace registers, bathroom exhaust fan or clothes dryer exhaust. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Essai de mesure du débit d'air à l'aide d'un sac à ordures
62795	CE 34	Your Septic System A primer on the components, operation and proper maintenance of an in-ground septic tank and system. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Votre installation d'assainissement
62839	CE 35	Hiring a Home Inspector One of the best ways to understand about a home's condition, habitability and safety is to hire a professional home inspector. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le Choix d'un inspecteur en bâtiment

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62341	CE 36	The Condominium Owners' Guide to Mold Special advice for identifying and removing mold in a condo, and solving the problems that cause it. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Guide sur la moisissure à l'intention des copropriétaires
63902	CE 37	The Tenant's Guide to Mold This guide provides tenants of apartment buildings or rental houses with information to understand why mold grows and what they can do if they find mold growing in their unit. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Guide sur la moisissure à l'intention des locataires
64066	CE 38	How to Reduce Chemical Contaminants in Your Home This guide focuses on reducing exposure to chemical contaminants in the home, and will help you identify and avoid household products and materials which are sources of chemical contaminants. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Réduire les contaminants chimiques dans votre maison
62935	CE 39	Buying a Toilet Advice and tips on what to look for when buying a toilet. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : L'achat de toilettes
63319	CE 40	Buying a House with a Well and Septic System Information on what to inspect and test if a property has a well and/or septic system. Includes checklists for potential buyers. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : L'achat d'une maison avec un puits et une installation septique
62953	CE 41A	UV Water Treatment Describes the ultra-violet light water treatment process, and the pros and cons of using such a system. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Traitement de l'eau aux rayons ultraviolets (UV)
62898	CE 41B	Water Distillers Everything you ever wanted to know about water distillers from how they work to how to install and maintain them. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : La distillation de l'eau

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62896	CE41C	Water Filters Consumer series of household water treatment options. Water filters are an inexpensive method of additional water treatment. Some filters can remove certain contaminants such as lead. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Filtres à eau
62946	CE 41D	Water Softeners Find out how a water softener works and obtain information on whether you should consider installing one. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les adoucisseurs d'eau
62962	CE 41E	Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Describes the reverse osmosis water treatment process, and provides the pros and cons of using such a system. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Filtration de l'eau par osmose inverse
62966	CE 42	Canada's Construction System The purpose of this document is to foster understanding of the elements of the system of construction and operation of buildings and houses in Canada. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Système de construction canadien
63890	CE 43	Photovoltaics (PVs) Consumer information piece presenting information on solar electric (photovoltaic) systems for housing Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les systèmes photovoltaïques
63134	CE 44	Painting: Walls, Ceilings and Floors This fact sheet provides general information on: selecting paints, e.g. latex (water based) or alkyd (oil based); types of paint and paint finishes, e.g. low or high sheen, sealer, primer, melamine; estimating quantity of paint required; preparing for painting; and painting tips. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : La peinture : murs, plafonds et planchers.
63144	CE 45	Flooring Choices A quick summary of the advantages, considerations, installation, maintenance, and costs to think about when choosing resilient, laminate, and wood flooring, as well as carpet and ceramic tile. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les revêtements de sol

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63349	CE 46	Fighting Asthma in Your House Practical tips to help people with asthma improve the indoor air quality of their home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Combattre l'asthme à la maison
63218	CE47	Home Maintenance Schedule This fact sheet provides a listing of the regular home maintenance tasks which should be done at various times throughout the year to protect the condition of your house. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Calendrier d'entretien de votre maison
63227	CE48	Replacing Your Furnace This fact sheet provides information for consumers who are replacing their existing furnace with a new one. It deals with fuel choice, furnace selection, and furnace sizing. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le remplacement d'un générateur de chaleur
63235	CE 49	Getting Your House Ready to Sell Tips for homeowners who wish to get their house ready to sell. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Ce qu'il faut faire avant de mettre votre maison en vente
63436	CE50	Avoiding Basement Flooding Basement flooding leads to damage of the finishing material and possible growth of mold. This document reviews why basements flood and how to prevent floods from occurring. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comment prévenir les inondations de sous-sol
63486	CE51	Get to Know Your Soil This fact sheet provides practical tips on how to analyse soil so that you can select the plants that are suited to the soil you have on your property. Once you have determined the soil conditions, it provides tips on how to amend it, if needed. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Apprenez à connaître votre sol
63488	CE52	Low-Maintenance Lawns Low-maintenance lawns help to reduce the time, costs, water, pesticides, fertilizer and energy used to maintain lawns. This fact sheet describes the benefits and provides practical tips on how to install and maintain low maintenance lawns, including species selection. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les pelouses à faible entretien

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63490	CE53	Rain Gardens: Improve Stormwater Management in Your Yard Rain gardens are landscaped areas designed to receive stormwater and allow it to infiltrate into the soil. This fact sheet describes the benefits and provides practical tips on how to install and maintain gardens. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Un jardin pluvial pour mieux gérer les eaux de ruissellement dans votre cour
63492	CE54	Understanding Your New Home Sales Contract This fact sheet provides information on some of the terms and provisions that you may find in a new home sales agreement to illustrate what a contract can cover and an explanation why. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comprendre le contrat de vente de votre maison neuve
63495	CE55	Selecting A New Home Builder This fact sheet provides information on how to find and what to look for and consider when searching for the right builder to build your new home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le choix d'un constructeur d'habitations
63637	CE56	Preventing Falls on Stairs This fact sheet tells you about some of the ways you can reduce the risk of falling on or from residential stairs. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comment prévenir les chutes dans les escaliers
63730	CE57	Efficient, Convenient Wood Heating This is a short guide to the proper use of woodburning appliances in homes: what appliances to choose, how to operate them efficiently, what wood to burn, how to cut and store it, etc. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le chauffage au bois pratique et efficace
63683	CE58	The ABC's of Windows This document will help consumers understand and select window performance levels with respect to airtightness, rain penetration and wind resistance appropriate for their climatic (and geographical) location and exposure conditions. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : L'ABC des fenêtres

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63911	CE59	Should You Test the Air in Your Home for Mold? Testing the air in their home or apartment for mold is usually the first thing many people ask for when they suspect the presence of mold or have discovered mold growth. This fact sheet explains why air testing is not recommended, why an investigation by a trained professional is more useful and what to do if testing is deemed necessary. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Faut-il faire analyser l'air de la maison pour déceler la présence de moisissures?
63822	CE60	What to Do After a Fire Protect your health and prevent further damage to your home by following this detailed guide on the steps to restore your home after a fire. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Que faire après un incendie
64092	CE61	Renovating Your Basement for Livability This About Your House describes how renovating a full-height basement can be a relatively easy and cost-effective way to add new living space to your house. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Rénovation du sous-sol - objectif d'habitabilité
64064	CE62	Lead in Older Homes This About Your House describes where lead is found in older homes and who is at risk to lead exposure. It also describes procedures for testing lead in soil, water, paint, and dust. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Le plomb dans les vieilles maisons
65023	CE63a	Accessible Housing by Design - Ramps (Large Print) For anyone who needs to make their house accessible to someone who uses a wheelchair or other mobility device, this About Your House sheds light on the design and construction of ramps for the home. After reading this publication, you will understand how a ramp should be built, the materials that should be used and things to take into consideration before building a ramp for your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - Les rampes d'accès (à gros caractères)

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65080	CE63b	Accessible Housing by Design - Appliances (Large Print) The design of an appliance can make it very easy or very difficult to use. If you have a disability, limitations in an appliance's design can make it almost impossible to use. Using the principles of Universal Design, this About Your House will help you select an appliance by outlining important design considerations, making helpful suggestions and explaining the safety features of appliances. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception — les appareils (à gros caractères)
65542	CE63c	Accessible Housing by Design - Lifts & Residential Elevators Residential lifts and elevators can benefit many people— particularly seniors who want to remain in their homes despite a loss of mobility, strength or agility. This About Your House tells you about the types of residential lifts and elevators that are commonly available in Canada. It also tells you about some of the things you should consider when you choose and install an elevator or lift in your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - élévateurs et ascenseurs résidentiels
65544	CE63d	Accessible Housing by Design - Residential Hoists and Ceiling Lifts A residential hoist or ceiling lift can help people who have difficulty safely moving themselves or others in or out of bed, or in or out of a bathtub. This About Your House tells you about the types of residential hoists and ceiling lifts that are commonly available in Canada. It also tells you about some of the issues you should consider when you choose and install a hoist or ceiling lift in a house, condominium or apartment. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - les lève-personnes résidentiels
65588	CE63e	Accessible Housing by Design - Kitchens A home designed and constructed to reflect the principles of Universal Design is safer and more accommodating to the diverse range of ages and abilities of people who live in and visit this home. This About Your House discusses the Universal Design kitchen, which considers efficient design, efficiency of effort, adaptability, ease of cleaning, audibility and safety in order to provide a comfortable and safe space for all family members. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - les cuisines

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65686	CE63f	Accessible Housing by Design: Bathrooms A bathroom designed and constructed according to the principles of universal design should be comfortable and safe for all family members, regardless of age or ability. This About Your House outlines the design considerations and elements of a universally designed bathroom, from manoeuvring space and ease of cleaning to grab bars and walk-in bathtubs and showers. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - salle de bains
65889	CE63g	Accessible Housing by Design: Home Automation The use of technology and automation in the home can help create living spaces that are convenient and energy efficient, that minimize the potential for accidents, and result in a house that is able to adapt to life's changes. Home automation provides many benefits to people with physical, sensory and mental disabilities, allowing them to live more independently. This AYH describes systems and devices that can control elements of your home environment . lighting, appliances, telephones, home security and mechanical, entry and safety systems . resulting in an environment that is more accommodating to everyone who lives there or visits, regardless of age or physical ability. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - Domotique
66091	CE63h	Accessible Housing by Design: Fire Safety for You and Your Home People with disabilities and seniors are more likely to be injured in a fire than the general population as they are often unable to evacuate independently and quickly, and are not prepared with a fire safety plan. This About Your House provides many quick and easy steps that you can take to prevent fires in your home and plan for fire and emergency situations and minimize accidents ensuring that your home occupants, especially people with disabilities and seniors family are safe. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - la sécurité-incendie pour assurer votre protection et celle de votre habitation
66093	CE63i	Accessible Housing by Design: House Designs and Floor Plans This fact sheet provides design guidelines for the most common types of accessible house designs including: visitable housing, adaptable and accessible housing and housing built using the concepts of universal design. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - types d'habitations et plans d'étages

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66095	CE63j	Accessible Housing by Design: Living Spaces This fact sheet provides an overview of planning and design guidelines to consider when creating, renovating or redecorating the living spaces in your home. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Une habitation accessible dès la conception - les espaces habitables
66348	CE64	How to Get the Ventilation That You Need in Your House This document provides a guide to using the ventilation systems in your house to provide adequate fresh air to residents. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Comment bien ventiler votre maison
65009	CE65	Garden Suites With municipal approval, a garden suite is a self-contained unit, set on relative's property with an existing single family house. This publication provides introductory information on garden suites for seniors or persons with disabilities. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les pavillons-jardins
65527	CE66A	How to Lock Out Crime - Home Security 101 This fact sheet walks you through an assesment of your home's current security; includes a checklist that can help you assess what needs to be improved. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile 101
65529	CE66B	How to Lock Out Crime - Home Security - Exterior This fact sheet gives you suggestions on how to improve security from the exterior of your home through lighting strategies and home visibility. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile - L'extérieur
65531	CE66C	How to Lock Out Crime - Home Security—Alarms This fact sheet gives you information to help you decide whether an installed burglar alarm is the right choice for you. Two types of systems are discussed, the perimeter alarm system and the area alarm system. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile - Les avertisseurs
65533	CE66D	How to Lock Out Crime - Home Security - Doors This fact sheet suggests ways you can improve your door security. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile - Les portes

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65535	CE66E	How to Lock Out Crime - Home Security - Windows This fact sheet suggests ways to improve the security performance of your windows. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile - Les fenêtres
65537	CE66F	How to Lock Out Crime - Home Security - Patio Doors This fact sheet suggests ways to improve the security of one of the favourite targets of burglars: patio doors. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile - Les portes-fenêtres
65539	CE66G	How to Lock Out Crime: Home Security -- Common Sense Even if all the required bolts, hinges, latches and alarms have been installed, good home security cannot be achieved without first adopting the common-sense precautions outlined in this fact sheet. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Gare au crime - La sécurité à domicile - Une affaire de bon sens
66343	CE67	Attached Garages and Indoor Air Quality Attached garages, while convenient, can move vehicle-based pollutants into houses. The document shows how to avoid this source of pollution. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les garages attenants et la qualité de l'air intérieur
66497	CE68	Secondary Suites Secondary suites can provide affordable living space and intensify urban development without adding new buildings. This article explains what the homeowner should consider before building or renovating a secondary suite. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Appartements accessoires
65548	CE70	Equilibrium: Healthy Housing for a Healthy Environment CMHC's EQUilibrium housing initiative is a powerful new movement in sustainable housing. It can help homeowners reduce their energy bills, protect their families' health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and keep the environment clean for generations to come. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Equilibrium : maison saine pour un environnement sain

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Order no.	Series no.	Title
63419	AE1	Solving Odour Transfer Problems in Your Apartment One of the most common problems experienced by the occupants of apartment buildings is the transfer of objectionable odours from one apartment to another. Tobacco smoke and cooking odours top the list of complaints. This fact sheet explains how odours are transferred, and offers a number of potential solutions. Some are very easy to implement and others should be done with the agreement of the building management. Some are trial and error. Solving the problem can take perseverance. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Enrayez la transmission d'odeurs dans votre appartement
63904	AE2	Reducing Noise in Your Apartment This article provides basic information about the behaviour of sound and noise and suggests ways to improve the peace and tranquility in your apartment or condominium. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Atténuation du bruit dans votre appartement
65013	AE3	Dealing with Power Outages Lengthy power outages rarely occur in Canada, but when they do, they can affect your comfort and safety. This fact sheet, intended specifically for occupants of multi-unit residential buildings, will help you plan ahead for, and deal with, power outages in your apartment building. Topics include, amongst others, contents of an emergency kit, use of alternate power, and summer and winter power failures. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Les pannes de courant
65050	AE4	Fire Safety Each year, many Canadians are injured or die in house or apartment fires. This fact sheet, intended specifically for occupants of multi-unit residential buildings, offers practical fire prevention tips and important information regarding smoke alarms. It will also help you create an escape plan for you and your family, and instruct you on what to do should a fire occur in your apartment. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : La sécurité-incendie
65041	AE5	Improving Your Security and Safety This About Your Apartment fact sheet, intended specifically for occupants of multi-unit residential buildings, provides practical advice on how to protect yourself, your family, and your belongings. It highlights the types of security and safety features you may have in your building and how to use them effectively. Topics include, amongst others, proper locks for windows and doors, neighbourhood security, preventing falls from windows and balconies, combustion safety, and carbon monoxide. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Pour une meilleure sécurité chez soi

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65297	AE6	Dealing with Pests Most people can relate to the surprise, shock and revulsion of coming across pests in their homes. This fact sheet, intended specifically for occupants of multi-unit residential buildings, will help you prevent and reduce infestations in your apartment by describing how insects enter homes and what they need to survive. Topics include pest proofing your apartment, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and health concerns associated with pests and pesticides. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : La lutte contre les parasites
66002	AE7	The Tenant's Guide to Mold This fact sheet is intended for people living in rented apartments and offers practical information on mold problems beginning with an overview of mold and its causes, why it is a concern, and how to identify a mold problem and estimate its severity. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Guide sur la moisissure à l'intention des locataires
65975	AE8	Energy and Water Saving Tips for Your Apartment This fact sheet has energy- and water-saving tips that can save you money and make your apartment more comfortable. It lists things you can do yourself and things you can do in co-operation with your building's management. Aussi disponible en français sous le titre : Conseils pour économiser l'énergie et l'eau dans votre appartement

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ABOUT YOUR HOUSE - NORTH SERIES

VOTRE MAISON - DOSSIER DU NORD

The North About Your House series is a series specifically designed around day to day northern solutions as well as innovative northern models of building practices which work under cold climate conditions. In this series you will find examples of how to use structural panels in the high arctic, means to cleanse wastewater in the North as well as demonstrated ways of constructing a roof which can withstand northern conditions and how to choose a foundation system which will work in any of the northern communities.

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62295	North Series 2	On-site Wastewater Reclamation Systems for the North
62297	Dossier du Nord 2	Installations de recyclage sur place des eaux usées dans le nord
62329	North Series 3	Snowshoe Inn, Fort Providence Co-generation Model
62330	Dossier du Nord 3	Modèle de cogénération du Snowshoe Inn, Fort Providence
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62155	Dossier du Nord 5	La maison saine d'Eagle Lake
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62314	Dossier du Nord 6	Conception de toits chauds pour climat arctique
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63051	Dossier du Nord 8	Prévenir le gel des colonnes de ventilation de plomberie et des conduits d'évacuation de l'appareil de chauffage
63394	North Series 9	Fancoil Integrated Combination Heat and Domestic Hot Water Systems
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